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17.02.13.3 Opening Day of Classes. The "opening day of classes" is defined as the first day of classes as listed in the member institution's official catalog. Required freshman orientation is not considered to be the opening day of classes for the academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.02.13.4 First Day of Practice. The first day of practice may be conducted on the day when the last practice unit occurs, which is determined by counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. For example, in soccer, practice may be held on the day that the 21st practice unit actually occurs, counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. *(Adopted: 12/10/97, Revised: 4/14/03, 3/16/15)*

17.02.14 Required Athletically Related Activities. [A] Required athletically related activities include any activities, including those that are countable in the daily and weekly limitations, that are required of a student-athlete. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) Compliance meetings;
- (b) Organized team promotional activities;
- (c) Recruiting activities, including student-host duties;
- (d) Media activities;
- (e) Fundraising events;
- (f) Community service events;
- (g) Team-building activities; and
- (h) Travel to and from away-from-home competition.

17.02.14.1 Exception – Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a required athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and the student-athlete does not miss class. *(Adopted: 7/13/20)*

17.02.15 Student-Athlete Discretionary Time. [FBS/FCS] Student-athlete discretionary time is time during which a student-athlete may only participate in athletics activities at the student-athlete's discretion. There shall be no required workouts and institutions are not permitted to recommend that student-athletes engage in weight-training or conditioning activities; however, if the student-athlete opts to work out, the strength and conditioning coach may monitor the facility in use for health and safety purposes. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03)*

17.02.16 Tournament – Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, for purposes of maximum contest or date of competition limitations, a tournament is an event that culminates in the determination of a winner. A tournament may be conducted in round-robin, pool play or bracket formats. *(Adopted: 9/18/07)*

17.02.17 Tryouts – Enrolled Students. A tryout of an enrolled student may occur, provided the student is eligible for practice and the tryout only involves activities that are permissible at the time they occur (e.g., practice in season, skill-related instruction or conditioning outside the season). *(Adopted: 8/21/13)*

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions: *(Revised: 3/8/06)*

- (a) It is a sport that is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;
- (b) It is a sport for which the eligibility of the student-athletes is reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and
- (c) It is a sport in which qualified participants receive the institution's official varsity awards.

17.02.18.1 Team Sports. [#] The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 4/23/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/15, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	Football	Soccer
Baseball	Ice Hockey	Softball
Basketball	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Women's Beach Volleyball	Women's Rowing	Water Polo
Field Hockey	Women's Rugby	

17.02.18.2 Individual Sports. [#] The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

Women's Bowling	Gymnastics	Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
Cross Country	Rifle	Women's Triathlon
Women's Equestrian	Skiing	Wrestling
Fencing	Swimming and Diving	
Golf	Tennis	

17.02.19 Voluntary Athletically Related Activities. In order for any athletically related activity to be considered "voluntary," all of the following conditions must be met: *(Adopted: 4/18/01, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

- The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., trainer, manager) may report back to the student-athlete's coach any information related to the activity;
- The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletics department staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities (e.g., times when the strength and conditioning coach will be on duty in the weight room or on the track). In addition, for students who have initiated a request to engage in voluntary activities, the institution or an athletics department staff member may assign specific times for student-athletes to use institutional facilities for such purposes and inform the student-athletes of the time in advance;
- The student-athlete's attendance and participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purposes of reporting such information to coaching staff members or other student-athletes; and
- The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if the student-athlete elects not to participate in the activity. In addition, neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may provide recognition or incentives (e.g., awards) to a student-athlete based on attendance or performance in the activity.

[Note: Coaching staff members may be present during permissible skill-related instruction pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.2 and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.3.]

17.02.20 Walk-Through -- Football. In football, a walk-through is a countable athletically related activity dedicated to reviewing plays and formations. During a walk-through, it is permissible for student-athletes to simulate positioning and offensive and defensive alignments, provided no conditioning or contact activities occur. Further, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport (e.g., blocking sleds) other than footballs. *(Adopted: 4/26/17, Revised: 1/23/19, 10/27/21)*

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the period of time between the date of an institution's first officially recognized practice session and the date of the institution's last practice session or date of competition, whichever occurs later. An institution is permitted to conduct officially recognized practice and competition each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.1.1.1 Playing Season -- Athletically Related Activities. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the only time within which an institution is permitted to conduct countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) except as set forth in Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.11.7. However, a coaching staff member may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 9/29/15)*

17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. For all sports other than football, basketball, cross country, and track and field, an institution may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.2.1 Exception -- Severe Inclement Weather. An institution may temporarily discontinue a segment due to severe inclement weather (e.g., hurricane, snowstorm), and restart the discontinued segment provided the permissible overall length of that segment is not exceeded. An institution that uses this exception is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. An institution shall determine its playing season for the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.18 pursuant to the regulations of this article. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/23/19*)

17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Playing-season segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed in Bylaw 17.02.18.1 and all individual sports listed in Bylaw 17.02.18.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93*)

17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. [#] Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning or individual workouts, or permissible required summer athletic activities in basketball and football), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year. (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 8/5/08, 6/5/15, 10/29/15*)

17.1.5.1 Sickle Cell Solubility Test. The examination or evaluation of student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall include a sickle cell solubility test, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution. (*Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 5/3/10, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22*)

17.1.6 Sports-Safety Certified Staff Member Presence During Countable, Physical Activities. An institutional staff member with current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use must be present any time a student-athlete participates in a physical, countable athletically related activity. (*Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply: (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.1.7.1 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Playing Season. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Golf Practice Round. A practice round of golf may exceed the four-hours-per-day limitation, but the weekly limit of 20 hours shall remain in effect. Other countable athletically related activities may occur on the same day as a practice round, provided the total countable athletically related activities that occur on that day do not exceed five hours. A practice round played on the day prior to the start of a intercollegiate golf tournament at the tournament site shall count as three hours, regardless of the actual duration of the round. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19*)

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of the Playing Season. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 9/22/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/12/19, 5/19/21*)

- (a) **Sports Other Than Football.** Outside of the playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction (including film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction) shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. All countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of the institution's academic term.
- (b) **Bowl Subdivision Football.** Activities between the institution's last contest and January 1 are limited to required weight training, conditioning, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film and participating in walk-throughs. All activities beginning January 1 and outside of the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.11.7.

- (c) **Championship Subdivision Football.** Activities between the institution's last contest and the conclusion of the academic year are limited to required weight training, conditioning, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film and participating in walk-throughs. All activities beginning with the start of summer conditioning and outside of the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaws 17.11.7.2 and 17.11.7.5.

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches in the student-athlete's sport may design and conduct specific workout programs for a student-athlete, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05, 12/15/06, 10/30/13, 4/26/17*)

17.1.7.2.1.1 Exception – Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, countable coaches who are certified strength and conditioning coaches may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 12/15/06, 5/4/09, 10/30/13*)

17.1.7.2.1.2 Exception – September 15 to First Day of Classes – Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction is permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2, 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's summer vacation period from September 15 to the first day of classes of the academic year. (*Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06*)

17.1.7.2.1.3 Exception – January 15 to First Day of Classes of Second Term – Baseball and Women's Lacrosse. In baseball and women's lacrosse, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction are permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's vacation period from January 15 to the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term. (*Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

17.1.7.2.1.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff – Sports Other Than Football. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 5/1/11*)

17.1.7.2.1.5 Exception – Participation in Virtual Team Activities – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a student-athlete may engage in virtual team activities (virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activities) during an institution's summer vacation period subject to the following limitations: (*Adopted: 1/20/22*)

- (a) **Conclusion of Spring Commencement Exercises to Beginning of Summer Athletic Activities.** During an institution's summer vacation period from the conclusion of spring commencement exercises to the start of an institution's summer athletics activities period, a maximum of one hour per week of virtual team activities may occur.
- (b) **During Summer Athletic Activities Period.** If a student-athlete (or prospective student-athlete who signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) is not participating in required summer athletics activities (per Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.1), they may participate in a maximum of eight hours per week of virtual team activities for up to eight weeks.

17.1.7.2.1.6 Summer Athletic Activities.

17.1.7.2.1.6.1 Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction. (*Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/28/16, 4/25/18*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.1.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment: (*Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22*)

- (a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;
- (b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;
- (c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;
- (d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or
- (l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is or will be enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing regular academic year.

17.1.7.2.1.6.1.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 1/19/13*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.1.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.1.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.1), provided the student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.2 Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is

enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review and not more than two hours per week spent on noncontact skill-related instruction. During noncontact skill-related instruction, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport other than footballs. (*Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/28/16, 4/13/22*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football. In football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment: (*Adopted: 10/30/13, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22*)

- (a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;
- (b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;
- (c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;
- (d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or
- (l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is or will be enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing regular academic year.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. [FBS/FCS] The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 10/30/13*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2), provided the student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.1.7.2.2 Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football. Participation by student-athletes in skill-related instruction in sports other than football is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.7.2-(a)]. Skill-related instruction includes film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction. In basketball, skill-related instruction shall not be publicized and shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/27/98, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/30/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18, 8/1/18, 5/19/21)*

17.1.7.2.3 Conditioning Activities. Conditioning drills per Bylaw 17.1.7.2 that may simulate game activities are permissible, provided no offensive or defensive alignments are set up and no equipment related to the sport is used. In ice hockey, a student-athlete may be involved in on-ice conditioning activities and use protective equipment (e.g., pads, helmets, sticks), provided no puck, projectile or other similar object is used. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete may be involved in in-pool conditioning activities and swim-specific equipment (e.g., starting blocks, kickboards, pull buoys) may be used. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/29/15)*

17.1.7.2.4 Exception -- Draft Combine Invitation -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who has entered a professional league's draft and has been invited to attend the league's draft combine may participate in countable athletically related activities for up to four hours per day and 20 hours per week from the date of receipt of the invitation to participate in the combine until the date on which the student-athlete withdraws from the professional league's draft or the date of the league's deadline to withdraw from its draft, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 1/14/16)*

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

17.1.7.3.1 Definition of Day. A "day" shall be defined as a calendar day (12 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.2 Competition Day. All competition and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities.

17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition. Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/13/09)*

17.1.7.3.3 Definition of Week. A "week" shall be defined as any seven consecutive days to be determined at the institution's discretion and shall be sport specific. Once the institution determines the seven-day period that shall constitute its week, it shall not change that designation for the remainder of the segment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/22/14)*

17.1.7.3.4 Hour-Limitation Record. Countable hours must be recorded on a daily basis for each student-athlete regardless of whether the student-athlete is participating in an individual or team sport. Any countable individual or group athletically related activity must count against the time limitation for each student-athlete who participates in the activity but does not count against time limitations for other team members who do not participate in the activity. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.3.5.1 Exception -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, on one day in every seven days during the preseason practice period (prior to the institution's first day of classes or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier) a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to not more than two hours of off-field meetings or film review. Daily and weekly hour limitations

on countable athletically related activities shall apply beginning with the institution's first day of classes or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.3.6 Vacation Periods and Between Terms. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw 17.1.7.4), which may be a vacation day. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.1.7.3.7 Final-Examination Periods. Daily and weekly hour limitations apply to countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods and to all official preparatory periods leading to final-examination periods. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.3.8 Multisport Participant. A multisport student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours per day and a total of 20 hours per week. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.1.7.4 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in NCAA championships. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 2/1/05)*

17.1.7.4.1 Travel Day. A travel day related to athletics participation may be considered as a day off, provided no countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) occur during that day. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.1.7.4.2 Canceled Competition. When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further countable athletically related activities during that day. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

17.1.7.4.3 Preseason Practice -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.4.4 Preseason Practice -- Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. (See Bylaw 17.1.7.3.5.1.) *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.4.5 Vacation Period. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.1.7.4.6 Non-NCAA Postseason Championship. The one-day-off-per-week requirement is applicable to a non-NCAA postseason championship (e.g., national governing body championship) unless the event is open only to intercollegiate teams or intercollegiate competitors. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

17.1.7.4.7 Multiple Conference Championships. An institution that participates in multiple conference championships is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement in the one conference championship that it exempts from its maximum contest limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

17.1.7.4.8 Exception -- Three Contests in Seven-Day Period. If an institution's team participates in three contests or dates of competition in a seven-day period, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any countable athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.5 Required Days Off -- Outside of the Playing Season. Outside of the playing season during the academic year, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) are prohibited during two calendar days per week. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.1.7.6 Required Day Off -- Civic Engagement. All countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. An institution shall develop civic engagement policies, which must address opportunities available to student-athletes for civic engagement, through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches and senior athletics department staff members to ensure student-athletes are provided adequate opportunities, resources and programming to participate in civic engagement activities. *(Adopted: 9/16/20 not applicable to contests scheduled before July 17, 2020, Revised: 6/15/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.1.7.6.1 Exception – Championship Segment. A team that is participating in the segment of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship may engage in countable athletically related activities on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, provided student-athletes are given a day off from countable athletically related activities to participate in civic engagement activities and programming within 15 days before or after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.1.7.7 Required Day Off – Playing Season. [A] During the playing season, all required athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.14) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in NCAA championships. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted on the day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.1 Travel Day. [A] A travel day related to athletics participation may not be considered as a day off. This restriction shall apply to any calendar day on which travel associated with any countable athletically related activity occurs, regardless of the distance or duration of travel. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.1.1 Exception – Return Travel Following Away-From-Home Competition – Midnight to 5 a.m. [A] A day on which return to campus travel occurs between midnight and 5 a.m. from away-from-home competition may be considered as a day off, provided no required athletically related activities occur for a continuous 24-hour period starting from the time all participating student-athletes have been officially released following the return to campus. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.1.2 Exception – Travel To or From Hawaii or Alaska. [A] An institution may use an athletically related travel day to or from Hawaii or Alaska as a day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.2 Canceled Competition. [A] When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further required athletically related activities during that day. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.3 Preseason Practice – Sports Other Than Football. [A] In sports other than football, an institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.7.4 Preseason Practice – Football. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during the preseason practice period prior to the first day of classes, or seven days before the institution's first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier; however, on one day in every seven days during the preseason practice period, a student-athlete's participation in required athletically related activities shall be limited to not more than two hours of off-field meetings or film review. *(Adopted: 1/18/18)*

17.1.7.7.5 Vacation Period. [A] An institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off per week during a vacation period when classes are not in session. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.6 Non-NCAA Postseason Championship. [A] The one-day-off-per-week requirement is applicable to a non-NCAA postseason championship (e.g., national governing body championship) unless the event is open only to intercollegiate teams or intercollegiate competitors. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.7 Multiple Conference Championships. [A] An institution that participates in multiple conference championships is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement in the one conference championship that it exempts from its maximum contest limitations. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.7.8 Exception – Three Contests in Seven-Day Period. [A] If an institution's team participates in three contests or three dates of competition in a seven-day period, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any required athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.7.9 Exception – Life-Skills Activities Involving Multiple Sports. [A] Required life-skills activities that involve multiple sports and are formally organized by the athletics department (e.g., life skills department, athletics director's office) are permitted on a student-athlete's day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.8 Required Days Off – Outside of the Playing Season. [A] Outside of the playing season during the academic year, all required athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.14) are prohibited during two calendar days per week. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries)

or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted on the days off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.8.1 Exception – Life-Skills Activities Involving Multiple Sports. [A] Required life-skills activities that involve multiple sports and are formally organized by the athletics department (e.g., life skills department, athletics director's office) are permitted on a student-athlete's day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.9 Additional Required Days Off. [A] An institution shall provide a student-athlete with 14 additional days off during the playing season (including vacation periods during the season) or outside the playing and practice season during a regular academic term when classes are in session. Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days. However, a student-athlete may participate in voluntary activities. The seven-day discretionary period (see Bylaw 17.1.7.11.7) at the conclusion of the championship segment does not count toward this requirement. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during the days off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.9.1 Multisport Student-Athletes. [A] An institution shall provide a multisport student-athlete with a minimum of fourteen additional days off over the course of the academic year when classes are in session, regardless of the number of sports in which the student-athlete participates. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.9.2 Exception – Quarter Institutions. [A] For a quarter-system institution, in sports that use a 144-day or 156-day playing and practice season and for which the NCAA championship is conducted in the spring, the institution may provide a student-athlete up to seven days off during the period from September 15 to the institution's first day of classes for the fall quarter (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2). *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.9.3 Exception – Life-Skills Activities Involving Multiple Sports. [A] Required life-skills activities that involve multiple sports and are formally organized by the athletics department (e.g., life skills department, athletics director's office) are permitted on a student-athlete's day off. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.10 Three-Day Period – Basketball. [A] In basketball, an institution shall provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break). Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.10.1 Exception – Participation in Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. [A] One time during a four-year period, if an institution participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that occurs during the institution's official vacation period after the first term when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break), the institution shall not be required to provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off. *(Adopted: 1/19/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.1.7.11 Additional Restrictions.

17.1.7.11.1 No Class Time Missed in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition – Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball. In baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities). *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/20/14 effective 1/1/15, 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.1.7.11.1.1 Exception – Institution Located in Hawaii. The provisions of Bylaw 17.1.7.11.1 do not apply to an active member institution located in Hawaii. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.1.7.11.1.2 Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel to Hawaii or Alaska. A student-athlete may miss class time in conjunction with an institution's use of the once-in-four years exception (or, in women's beach volleyball, the once-in-two years exception) for the use of any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.1.7.11.2 No Class Time Missed for Practice Activities. No class time shall be missed at any time (e.g., regular academic term, mini term, summer term) for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 5/13/10)*

17.1.7.11.2.1 Exception – Championship Practice. At any conference or NCAA championship, student-athletes from the team representing the host institution shall be permitted to miss class time to attend practice activities conducted the day before the competition. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/26/01)*

17.1.7.11.3 Preseason Off-Campus Intrasquad Games Prohibition. Preseason off-campus intrasquad games shall be prohibited in all sports. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 8/11/11*)

17.1.7.11.4 Publicity of Preseason Off-Campus Practice Activities. An institution may publicize off-campus preseason practice activities that are conducted at a single designated site, provided the institution normally conducts preseason practice activities at that particular site. (*Adopted: 8/11/11*)

17.1.7.11.5 Countable Athletically Related Activities Between Midnight and 5 a.m. Countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m. (*Adopted: 1/16/10*)

17.1.7.11.5.1 Exceptions. Countable athletically related activities may occur between midnight and 5 a.m. under the following circumstances: (*Adopted: 1/16/10*)

- (a) During participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship;
- (b) Participation in any competition that begins before midnight and concludes after midnight; or
- (c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).

17.1.7.11.6 Required Athletically Related Activities Between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. [A]

17.1.7.11.6.1 Required Activities Other Than Competition. [A] Required athletically related activities other than competition (and associated activities) shall not occur during a continuous eight-hour period between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. (*Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.1.7.11.6.1.1 Exceptions. [A] The following required athletically related activities other than competition (and associated activities) are not subject to the continuous eight-hour period restriction: (*Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17*)

- (a) During participation in a regular-season multiday contest, event or tournament, conference championship, other postseason championship or an NCAA championship;
- (b) Required athletically related activities in the locale of an away-from-home competition on the day before the competition if the institution's team arrives in the locale the day before the competition;
- (c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season);
- (d) Participation in recruiting activities, including student-host duties;
- (e) Participation in required life-skills and team-building activities; or
- (f) Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or academically related activities (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions).

17.1.7.11.6.2 Home Competition That Concludes After 9 p.m. [A] Once a student-athlete is officially released from team obligations following a home contest after 9 p.m. (local time), the institution must provide the student-athlete a continuous eight-hour period during which required athletically related activities are prohibited. If necessary, an institution may schedule travel to an away-from-home contest within the eight-hour period after release following a home contest. (*Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.1.7.11.6.3 Away-From-Home Competition -- Return to Campus After 9 p.m. [A] If a student-athlete returns to campus after 9 p.m. (local time) from an away-from-home competition, the institution must provide the student-athlete a continuous eight-hour period during which required athletically related activities are prohibited. The eight-hour period begins when the student-athlete returns to campus and is officially released from team obligations. (*Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.1.7.11.7 Seven-Day Discretionary Period After Championship Segment. [A] Required athletically related activities shall be prohibited for a seven-day period beginning the day after a student-athlete's or team's last contest or date of competition of the championship segment, or the day after the declared championship segment of the playing season concludes. During this period, a student-athlete may only participate in voluntary activities. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during this period. (*Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/28/21*)

17.1.7.11.7.1 Exception -- Team Meeting. [A] A team may conduct one end-of-season meeting during the seven-day discretionary period, provided no countable athletically related activities occur. (*Adopted: 1/24/19*)

17.1.7.11.7.2 Exception -- Training for Elite National and International Events. [A] During the seven-day period, a student-athlete who has qualified for an elite national or international event (see Bylaw 16.8.1.2)

may participate in individual-workout sessions conducted by a coaching staff member, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout sessions. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.11.7.3 Multisport Student-Athletes. [A] A multisport student-athlete may participate in required athletically related activities in a different sport during the seven-day discretionary period. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.11.8 Off-Campus Practice Unrelated to Away-From-Home Competition During Vacation Period. [A] Off-campus practice (other than practice at an institution's regularly used off-campus practice facilities and other than the winter-training trip in women's rowing) unrelated to an away-from-home competition shall be prohibited during an institutional vacation period outside the institution's championship playing season. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.7.12 Exception -- Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in a sport, but is eligible for practice under the five-year rule, is not subject to the time limits of Bylaw 17.1.7. *(Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.1.8 Student-Athlete Time Management Plan. [A] An institution shall develop a student-athlete time management plan for each varsity intercollegiate sport in which the Association sponsors a championship or that is an emerging sport for women. The student-athlete time management plan shall include, at a minimum, policies to ensure that: *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) Student-athletes are provided adequate notice of all countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities.
- (b) Schedules for all countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities are developed through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches and senior athletics department staff members.
- (c) Student-athletes are provided adequate notice of changes to a previously established schedule for countable athletically related activities and other required athletically related activities.

17.1.8.1 Annual Review. [A] An institution shall conduct an annual end-of-year review of each sport's student-athlete time management plan. The institution's director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, the sport's head coach and at least one student-athlete representative shall be involved in the review. The review shall include, at a minimum, an evaluation of the extent to which the student-athletes were free from all athletically related activities, other than those initiated by student-athletes, during the required eight-hour overnight period and all required days off. The findings of each annual review shall be reviewed by the institution's president or chancellor. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.8.2 Enforcement Implications for Actions Contrary to Institutional Policy. [A] As it relates to compliance with institutional policy in a student-athlete time management plan, an institution shall only be held accountable through the NCAA infractions process for actions that clearly demonstrate a disregard for its stated policies. *(Adopted: 1/20/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/28/10, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 9/15/21, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Makeup Contests.** An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games (including games that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship);
- (b) **NCAA Championships Participation in Team Sports.** Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA championship event (including play-in contests conducted pursuant to NCAA championships) is considered part of the institution's declared playing season. An institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation until it is determined by the appropriate committee whether the institution will be selected to participate in the NCAA championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season. In basketball, an institution may not engage in regular-season competition after the beginning of its conference's season-end tournament that determines automatic qualification into the NCAA Division I Basketball Championship;
- (c) **NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports.** Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice by the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

- (d) **Post-NCAA Championships Participation.** Following the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year;
- (e) **Conference Championships.** Conference championships must be included within the institution's playing season;
- (f) **Non-NCAA Season-Ending Event Participation -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football.** In sports other than basketball and football, neither practice for nor participation in one non-NCAA season-ending event that occurs prior to the conclusion of the NCAA championship in the applicable sport is considered part of the institution's declared playing season if the team or individual does not participate in the NCAA championship in that sport. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (g) **Foreign Tours.** Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.

17.1.9.1 Combining Segments. In those sports that have different contest limitations in the segment concluding with the NCAA championship and the other segment, a member institution that conducts a single continuous segment in a sport (rather than dividing its playing season for that sport into two distinct segments as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.2) shall be limited to the number of contests or dates of competition permitted only for the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.2 Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. Regulations for computing the women's acrobatics and tumbling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's acrobatics and tumbling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 11/25/20 effective 9/16/20*)

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's acrobatics and tumbling prior to the institution's first day of classes for the fall term. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling prior to February 1. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's acrobatics and tumbling by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling during the playing season to 12 dates of competition, which may not include not more than two triangular meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than twelve dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity team of the institution). (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., national governing body championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any acrobatics and tumbling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs; provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's acrobatics and tumbling team who participate in local celebrity acrobatics and tumbling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for acrobatics and tumbling as a U.S. national team; and
- (h) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's acrobatics and tumbling during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.6.2 Vacation-Period and Summer Workout Exception. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when a student-athlete is engaged in individual skill work. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's acrobatics and tumbling who may be employed (e.g., as camp counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's acrobatics and tumbling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside acrobatics and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's acrobatics and tumbling may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur acrobatics and tumbling team. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur acrobatics and tumbling team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.2.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the development program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the development program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issues, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.3 Baseball. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.3.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in baseball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.1.1 Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.1.2 Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days during the months of September, October and November under the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;
- (b) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or in skill-related instruction are not required to count toward the 132-day season;
- (c) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and
- (d) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2).

17.3.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball prior to the following dates: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 4/30/09)*

- (a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 1.
- (b) **Championship Segment.** The Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment.

17.3.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in baseball prior to the following dates: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/09, 4/30/09)*

- (a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 1.
- (b) **Championship Segment.** The Friday in February that is 14 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day (see Figure 17-2), except that a single alumni contest may be played any time after the first permissible practice date of the championship segment.

17.3.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in baseball by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.3.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in baseball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 56 baseball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of baseball contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in baseball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA baseball championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference baseball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA baseball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One baseball contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One baseball contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any baseball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's baseball team who participate in local celebrity baseball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One game played against any team selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in baseball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.3.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.3.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.3.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.3.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in baseball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.3.8 Other Restrictions.

17.3.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.3.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in baseball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside baseball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate baseball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate baseball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.3.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.3.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate baseball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur baseball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.3.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.3.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's baseball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1 and 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.3.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.3.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.3.8.3 Varsity Squad Size Limitation – Championship Segment. An institution shall declare a varsity squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season. Only those student-athletes who are declared as varsity squad members at that time shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities with the varsity squad during the remainder of the championship segment. Declared varsity squad members shall not participate in countable athletically related activities with an institution's subvarsity team (e.g., freshman, junior varsity). A student-athlete who is a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) must be included in the varsity squad limit. *(Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/22/07)*

17.3.8.3.1 Exception – Season-Ending Injury. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who sustains a season-ending injury prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment, provided medical documentation verifies the student-athlete suffered an incapacitating injury or illness and is unable to participate in team practice and competition for the remainder of the academic year. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 4/25/18)*

17.3.8.3.1.1 Application to Replaced Student-Athlete. A student-athlete who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury may participate in the following countable athletically related activities with the varsity team: (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

- (a) Participation in limited on-field activities (e.g., hitting fungoes, shagging balls);
- (b) Dress in uniform and be in the dugout during home contests; and
- (c) Participation in rehabilitation activities (including the use of baseball-specific equipment) under the supervision of a coaching staff member conducted at the same time as team practice.

17.3.8.3.2 Exception -- Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily (on the squad member's own initiative) withdraws from the team for personal reasons before the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall term. (*Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, Revised: 10/12/18*)

17.4 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.4.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in basketball shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.4.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.4.4). (See Bylaw 17.4.3 for restrictions on first contest date.)

17.4.2 Preseason Practice -- On-Court Practice. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 42 days before the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before its first regular-season contest. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) that occur within the 42-day period shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10, 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/14, 1/18/18 effective 8/1/18*)

17.4.2.1 Permissible Conditioning Activities. Team conditioning or physical-fitness activities supervised by coaching staff members may be conducted on or off court but shall not begin prior to the beginning of the institution's academic year in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.7.2. Such activities shall be limited to eight hours per week. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94*)

17.4.2.2 Prohibited Activities. Prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, members of the institution's coaching staff may not be involved with one or more team members at any location in any of the following activities except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.4.6: (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/92, 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 9/23/05*)

- (a) Setting up offensive or defensive alignments;
- (b) Chalk talks;
- (c) Discussions of game strategy;
- (d) Reviewing game films or videotapes;
- (e) Activities using basketball equipment; or
- (f) Observing student-athletes in any basketball activities even if such activities are not arranged by the institution's coach.

17.4.2.2.1 Exception -- Team Promotional Activities. Team promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan picture sessions, meeting with fans) per Bylaw 12.5.1 are permissible prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, provided these promotional arrangements do not involve any of the practice activities prohibited under the provisions of Bylaw 17.4.2.2. (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.4.2.2.2 Exception -- Officiating Clinic. Prior to the start of on-court preseason basketball practice per Bylaw 17.4.2, student-athletes may observe an officiating clinic related to playing rules that is conducted by video conference, provided no student-athlete misses class time to observe the clinic. (*Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.4.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball prior to the Tuesday immediately before the second Friday of November (see Figure 17-2). (*Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/18/18 effective 8/1/18*)

17.4.3.1 Required Day Off – Civic Engagement. If the first permissible contest date falls on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and the institution uses that day as the required day off for civic engagement (see Bylaws 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.6.1), the institution may play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition on the Monday immediately before the second Friday of November. (*Adopted: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 1/14/21, 6/15/22 effective 8/1/22*)

17.4.3.2 Exceptions. The following basketball contests (games or scrimmages) are permitted prior to the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.4.3 (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/11/97, 4/22/98, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/12/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 3/2/09*)

- (a) **Practice Scrimmage.** An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition exempted per Bylaw 17.4.5.6-(h) may occur at any point during the permissible playing and practice season (see Bylaw 17.4.1), provided it is conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. No class time shall be missed by basketball student-athletes in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities); and
- (b) **Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest exempted per Bylaw 17.4.5.6-(g) may occur after the date on which an institution may commence on-court preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.4.2).

17.4.4 End of Playing Season. An institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition shall not be played after the respective Division I Basketball Championship game. An institution may not continue to practice beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), unless it has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship or other postseason national championship event. An institution may not engage in regular-season competition after the beginning of its conference's season-end tournament that determines automatic qualification into the Division I Basketball Championship. An institution not selected to participate in a postseason national championship event or an institution that loses in a championship event may not continue to practice. (*Revised: 9/15/21*)

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.6): (*Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored*)

- (a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per team;
- (b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or
- (c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which: (*Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored*)

- (a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;
- (b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution. An event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;
- (c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period;
- (d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;
- (e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and
- (f) The event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

17.4.5.1.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event. *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20 a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored)*

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.6): *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22 a contract signed before 6/23/21 may be honored)*

- (a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1 that does not exceed three contests per team;
- (b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or
- (c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.2.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which: *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22 a contract signed before 6/23/21 may be honored)*

- (a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;
- (b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
- (c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and
- (d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.4.5.2.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event. *(Adopted: 6/13/06, Revised: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.4.5.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.4.5.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team. *(Adopted: 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.4.5.5 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/30/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/20/22 effective 8/1/22 a contract signed before 6/23/21 may be honored)*

17.4.5.6 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Season-End Tournament.** A regularly scheduled, season-end, single-elimination basketball championship tournament conducted by a conference (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Division I Basketball Championship) among some or all of its members.
- (b) **Postseason Tournament.** Contests in one postseason basketball tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship) unless the institution has participated in the Men's National Invitation Tournament or the Women's National Invitation Tournament. A postseason tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;
- (c) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference basketball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA basketball championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (d) **Automatic-Qualification Contests.** Contests between conference champions that are provided by action of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee in order to determine selection for automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Basketball Championship;
- (e) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;
- (f) **Regular-Season Contest Against Alaska/Hawaii Member.** One regular-season game in Hawaii or Alaska versus a member institution located in that state;
- (g) **Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution.** An exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than an NCAA Division I institution) played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. An institution may exempt two such contests during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.4.5.6-(h), or it may exempt one such contest and one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.4.5.6-(h) each year; and
- (h) **Practice Scrimmage.** An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition, provided it is conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. No class time shall be missed by basketball student-athletes in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities). An institution may exempt two such practice scrimmages during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.4.5.6-(g), or it may exempt one such practice scrimmage and one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution each year.
- (i) **U.S. National Team -- Women's Basketball.** One contest against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in women's basketball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.4.5.7 Foreign Tour. The games played on a foreign basketball tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of contests, provided the tour is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. In basketball, student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

17.4.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 9/27/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.4.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in basketball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics. Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (See Bylaw 13.12 for restrictions on such employment.) (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94*)

17.4.8 Other Restrictions.

17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. A student-athlete shall be ruled ineligible for intercollegiate basketball competition if the student participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the member institution or except as permitted in accordance with Bylaw 17.33.3.

17.4.8.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team. Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team: (*Revised: 4/27/00, 1/22/20*)

- (a) State or national multisport events -- 2.
- (b) Foreign tour (outside team or all-star team) -- 2.
- (c) Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs and competition -- No limitations.
- (d) Summer basketball team in certified league -- 2 [see Bylaw 17.33.4.1-(e)].

17.4.8.3 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's basketball team except as provided in Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.4.8.4 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

17.4.8.5 Celebrity Sports Activity. A limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's basketball team may participate in local celebrity sports activities, other than in basketball, conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

- (a) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
- (b) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (c) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.5 Women's Beach Volleyball. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's beach volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.1.1 Women's Volleyball Student-Athletes Participating in Women's Beach Volleyball. Women's volleyball student-athletes listed as participants for women's beach volleyball must participate fully in women's beach volleyball practices. If student-athletes are practicing women's volleyball skills unrelated to women's beach volleyball, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in women's volleyball. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's beach volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's beach volleyball prior to the following dates: (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

- (a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
- (b) **Championship Segment.** The Thursday that is 10 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship (see Figure 17-2).

17.5.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's beach volleyball by the conclusion of the recognized national intercollegiate beach volleyball championship events. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.5.5.3 and 17.5.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.5.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's beach volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.5.5.1.2 Pairs Tournament -- Institutional -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single institutional date of competition, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Adopted: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.5.5.1.3 Participation in Multiple Tournaments on the Same Day or Days -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, an institution that participates in multiple pairs tournaments on the same day or days may select any day on which all the tournaments are conducted as one institutional date of competition. *(Adopted: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.5.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.5.5.2.1 Pairs Tournament -- Student-Athlete -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single date of competition for participating individuals, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Adopted: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff in women's beach volleyball;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any women's beach volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's women's beach volleyball team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's beach volleyball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's beach volleyball as a U.S. national team.

17.5.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.5.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's beach volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.8 Other Restrictions.

17.5.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.5.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's beach volleyball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's beach volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's beach volleyball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate women's beach volleyball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's beach volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.8.1.2 Out of Season. An institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's beach volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's beach volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.5.8.1.1.1). (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's beach volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.5.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/28/11, 7/31/15, 1/22/20*)

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.5.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 7/31/15*)

17.6 Women's Bowling. Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.6.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in bowling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.6.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in bowling prior to October 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in bowling prior to October 1. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in bowling by the conclusion of the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/31/03)*

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.6.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in bowling during the institution's bowling playing season to 32 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.6.5.3 and 17.6.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in bowling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 32 dates of competition in bowling (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.6.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03, 10/31/03, 10/5/10, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in bowling;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any bowling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's bowling team who participate in local celebrity bowling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.6.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.

17.6.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.6.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.6.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.6.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in bowling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8 Other Restrictions.

17.6.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.6.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in bowling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.6.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.6.8.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.6.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.6.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.6.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.7 Cross Country. Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.7.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in cross country shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.7.1.1 Track and Field Student-Athletes Participating in Cross Country. Track and field student-athletes listed as participants for cross country must participate fully in cross country practices. If student-athletes are practicing in track and field events unrelated to cross country, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in track and field. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

17.7.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/07, 4/14/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

17.7.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in cross country prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 4/15/97*)

17.7.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in cross country by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.7.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in cross country during the institution's cross country playing season to seven dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.7.5.3 and 17.7.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.7.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10*)

17.7.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

17.7.5.1.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

17.7.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in cross country in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.7.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than seven cross country dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.7.5.2.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An individual student-athlete who attends an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may participate during each academic year in seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted in cross country and five dates of competition during another segment. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.7.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in cross country;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in cross country each year against an alumni team of the institution;

- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in cross country each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any cross country activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's cross country team who participate in local celebrity cross country activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in cross country as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.7.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.7.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.7.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.7.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.7.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in cross country who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.7.8 Other Restrictions.

17.7.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.7.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in cross country who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside cross country team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate cross country competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate cross country competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.7.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.7.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate cross country who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur cross country team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.7.8.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

17.7.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with

eligibility remaining from the institution's cross country team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.7.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.7.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.8 Women's Equestrian. Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.8.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in equestrian shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in equestrian prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in equestrian prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in each segment in equestrian by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in the sport of equestrian during the institution's playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), which may include not more than five two-day competitions, which shall each count as a single date of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.5.3 and 17.8.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in equestrian in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 dates of competition, which may include not more than five two-day competitions, which shall each count as a single date of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.8.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in equestrian shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 2/24/03, 7/6/05, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in equestrian;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., national intercollegiate championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Show/Event.** One date of competition in equestrian each year against an alumni team of the institution;

- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in equestrian each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in equestrian in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any equestrian activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's equestrian team who participate in local celebrity equestrian activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.8.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in equestrian on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.8.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 6/10/11, 4/25/18)*

17.8.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses equestrian equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in equestrian who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9 Other Restrictions.

17.8.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.8.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in equestrian who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside equestrian team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate equestrian competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate equestrian competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.8.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate equestrian who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur equestrian team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.8.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

17.8.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's equestrian team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.8.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.8.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/10/05)*

17.9 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.9.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in fencing shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (matches or practice matches) in fencing by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.9.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.9.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in fencing during the permissible fencing playing season to 11 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.5.2 and 17.9.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.9.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 dates of competition in fencing. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.9.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in fencing;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in fencing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in fencing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in fencing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any fencing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's fencing team who participate in local celebrity fencing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in fencing as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.9.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.9.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.9.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.9.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses fencing equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.9.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in fencing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.9.9 Other Restrictions.

17.9.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.9.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in fencing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside fencing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., fencing tournament, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate fencing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate fencing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.9.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.9.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate fencing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur

fencing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.9.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.9.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining with the institution's fencing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.9.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.9.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.10 Field Hockey. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.10.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in field hockey shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.10.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before that first scheduled regular-season contest). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/14/03, 6/17/15, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.10.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. A member institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in field hockey prior to the Friday prior to the 11th weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the weekend prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/10/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/24/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/14/07, 6/17/15)*

17.10.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Games. An institution may play three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.10.1 (including the preseason practice period) and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.10.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.10.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 12/14/07, Revised: 6/17/15)*

17.10.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in field hockey by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.10.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.10.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.10.5.3 and 17.10.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.10.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor field hockey located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to

travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

17.10.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

17.10.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable field hockey contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.10.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 field hockey contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in field hockey during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92*)

17.10.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.10.3.1): (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 12/14/07, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in field hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA field hockey championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference field hockey championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA field hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (d) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition in field hockey each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One contest or date of competition in field hockey each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any contests or dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member institution located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any field hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's field hockey team who participate in local celebrity field hockey activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director;
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus; and
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in field hockey as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.10.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.10.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.10.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.10.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.10.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in field hockey who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.10.8 Other Restrictions.

17.10.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.10.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside field hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate field hockey competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate field hockey competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.10.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.10.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in field hockey may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;
- (c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and
- (d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.10.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate field hockey to practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur field hockey team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.10.8.1.1.1 and 17.10.8.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.10.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from the institution's field hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.10.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.10.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.11 Football. [FBS/FCS] Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.1 Prohibited Athletic Activities. [FBS/FCS] In football, an institution shall not conduct prohibited athletic activities, as specified in policies and procedures established and maintained by the Football Oversight Committee and reviewed by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. *(Adopted: 5/19/21, Revised: 10/6/21)*

17.11.2 Length of Playing Season. [FBS/FCS] The length of an institution's playing season in football shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.11.3) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.11.5), except as provided in Bylaw 17.11.7 (see Bylaw 17.11.4 for restrictions on first contest dates).

17.11.3 Practice. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.3.1 First Practice Date. An institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 31 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 25 on-field practices. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/14/03, 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 4/28/05, 1/18/18, 6/11/18, 5/18/22)*

17.11.3.1.1 Exception. [FBS/FCS] An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined pursuant to Bylaw 17.11.3.1. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 5/1/05)*

17.11.3.1.2 Limit on Number of Participants. [FBS/FCS] There is limit of 110 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or prior to the seventh day before the day of the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 4/25/18, 5/19/21)*

17.11.3.1.2.1 Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Voluntarily Withdraws. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who has voluntarily withdrawn from an institution's team, has departed the practice site and no longer will engage in any preseason activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the preseason practice limitation. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 4/25/18)*

17.11.3.1.2.2 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the preseason practice limitation. The replaced student-athlete shall cease participation in all athletically related activities (including team meetings and film review) and shall not resume participation in athletically related activities before the institution's first day of classes or prior to the seventh day before the day of the institution's first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete may continue to receive preseason practice expenses. *(Adopted: 1/17/09, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/21)*

17.11.3.1.2.3 Exception -- National Service Academies -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, there is no limit on the number of student-athletes who will be attending a national service academy and who may engage in preseason practice activities. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

17.11.3.1.2.4 Junior Varsity Exception -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution that sponsors a junior varsity team that competes in at least four intercollegiate contests is not subject to the preseason practice limitation. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

17.11.3.2 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not fewer than six hours of academic orientation. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 1/4/08)*

- (a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time prior to or during the acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities prior to the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;
- (b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day prior to the start of the acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day; or

- (c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the acclimatization period. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the acclimatization period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours).

17.11.3.3 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not fewer than six hours of academic orientation. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options: (*Adopted: 4/28/16*)

- (a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time before or during the acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities before the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;
- (b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day before the start of the acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day;
- (c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the acclimatization period. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the acclimatization period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours); or
- (d) Student-athletes may participate in an institutional orientation session open to all incoming students at any time prior to or during the acclimatization period. The session must be conducted in-person and must include a minimum of six hours of academic content.

17.11.3.4 Seven-Day Acclimatization Period. [FBS/FCS] In football, preseason practice shall begin with a seven-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice or who begin practice at any other point in the playing season, are required to undergo a seven-day acclimatization period. The seven-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows: (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 7/18/05, 12/13/05, 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 1/4/08, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/26/17, 1/18/18, 6/11/18, 1/23/19, 5/19/21, 10/27/21*)

- (a) An institution may not conduct administrative activities (e.g., team pictures, etc.) other than those permitted prior to or on the academic orientation day (e.g., compliance-related activities, medical examinations, individual photographs) prior to the first permissible date of practice. Conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests may not occur on any day prior to the start of the seven-day acclimatization period.
- (b) During the seven-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length.
 - (1) Exception -- During the seven-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period pursuant to Bylaw 17.02.20. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions (testing, practice or walk-through) occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time. If an institution conducts only a walk-through on a particular day during the acclimatization period, that day does not count toward the required seven days of acclimatization, but the walk-through counts toward the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period.
- (c) First-time participants and continuing students shall not be required to practice separately.
- (d) During the first two days of practice or testing activity, helmets and spider pads shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the next three days of practice or testing activity, helmets, spider pads and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear. On the sixth day of practice or testing activity, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

- (e) An institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off during the seven-day acclimatization period. The required day off may occur as early as the second day or as late as the seventh day.

17.11.3.4.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. [FBS] First-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) who will be attending a national service academy and who have completed basic military training immediately prior to preseason practice are not required to complete the acclimatization period. (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 12/15/06*)

17.11.3.5 Preseason Activities After Acclimatization Period. [FBS/FCS] The remaining 19 on-field preseason practice sessions after the acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows: (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06, 4/24/14, 4/14/17, 5/19/21, 10/8/21, 10/27/21*)

(a) **General.**

- (1) Multiple on-field practice sessions shall not be conducted on the same day;
- (2) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day;
- (3) A walk-through is not considered an on-field activity; however, if a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day; and
- (4) Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During this time, student-athletes may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

(b) **Protective Equipment Restrictions.**

- (1) Up to eight on-field practice sessions may be conducted in full pads;
- (2) During at least five on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets and spider pads;
- (3) During the remaining on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets, spider pads and/or shoulder pads; and
- (4) On-field practice sessions may be conducted in less protective equipment than the maximum restrictions noted above.

(c) **Contact Restrictions.**

- (1) Full contact (tackling to the ground) is only permitted during an on-field practice session in full pads;
- (2) An institution shall not conduct more than two consecutive days of full contact (tackling to the ground) practices. A full contact practice during the acclimatization period counts toward this limit;
- (3) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than during the two permissible scrimmages; and
- (4) An institution shall not conduct more than two scrimmages during the preseason practice period. A scrimmage is a practice devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11, full contact (tackling to the ground) activities. A scrimmage counts as one of the eight permissible practices in full pads and may include more than 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground).

17.11.4 First Contest. [FBS/FCS] An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day (see Figure 17-2). (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 5/12/05*)

17.11.4.1 Exception -- Institutions That Compete in Hawaii. [FBS/FCS] An institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in Hawaii may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. If the institution's first opponent of the season is not a member institution located in Hawaii, the institution's first opponent of the season may also play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. (*Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

17.11.4.2 Exception -- Nationally Televised Contest -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, an institution may participate in a nationally televised (broadcast or cable; not Internet only) contest against a nonconference opponent during the weekend (Saturday-Sunday) before the Thursday preceding Labor Day. Participation in such a contest is limited to one institution per conference per year. An institution that participates in such a

contest for two consecutive years may not participate in such a contest in the following year. (*Adopted: 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16*)

17.11.4.3 Exception -- In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in a foreign country may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. An institution that uses this exception must provide its student-athletes with five additional days off from all countable athletically related activities during the institution's declared playing season. (*Adopted: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

17.11.5 End of Playing Season. [FBS/FCS] A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football shall not be played after the second Saturday or the following Sunday in December, except for the following: (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/27/06, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 6/8/15*)

- (a) **Spring Practice Scrimmage.** One scrimmage or contest at the conclusion of spring practice, provided the game is with a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both; and
- (b) **Postseason Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, International Competition and Celebration Bowl.** Permissible postseason games that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook or those games played in the Division I Football Championship; football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution; or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. In championship subdivision football only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Celebration Bowl.

17.11.5.1 Celebration Bowl Restrictions. [FCS] All members of the Mid-Eastern and Southwestern Athletic Conferences shall participate in the Division I Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation, and members of those conferences that participate in the Division I Football Championship also shall not participate in the Celebration Bowl during the same year. The Celebration Bowl may be conducted on the same weekend as the Division I Football Championship, provided there is no conflict in the time of the contests. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/5/99, 12/15/06, 6/8/15*)

17.11.5.2 Final Date for Postseason Game. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, the postseason football games in Bylaw 17.11.5-(b) must be played not later than the second Monday in January. In championship subdivision football, the postseason games in Bylaw 17.11.5-(b) must be played not later than the Sunday before the second Monday in January. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 2/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 6/8/15, 7/27/16*)

17.11.6 Number of Contests. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 12 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.30.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.11.6.2. In championship subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 11 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.30.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.11.6.2. Twelve football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2024, 2025). (*Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/02, 8/5/99 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06*)

17.11.6.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. [FBS/FCS] A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in football in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada, Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.11.6.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. [FBS/FCS] In bowl subdivision football, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 12 football contests. In championship subdivision football, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 football contests, except that 12 football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019). This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/99 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06*)

17.11.6.2 Annual Exemptions. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.6.2.1 Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14, 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, 5/18/22)*

- (a) **Spring Game.** One contest at the conclusion of the spring practice period [see Bylaw 17.11.5-(a)], provided the contest is against a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both;
- (b) **Conference Championship Game.** One conference championship game;
- (c) **Bowl Games.** One postseason game that meets the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook;
- (d) **Additional Football Bowl Subdivision Postseason Game.** One postseason game between the winners of two exempted postseason bowl games per Bylaw 17.11.6.2.1-(c). The participants in the two post-season bowl games will be selected by Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and independent institutions.
- (e) **NAIA Championship.** Games play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) football championship;
- (f) **Foreign Tour.** The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31;
- (g) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any football games played in Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a Division I member institution located outside the areas in question; and
- (h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's football team who participate in local celebrity football activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.11.6.2.2 Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, Adopted: 1/10/91, 1/19/92, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, 2/16/00, 12/15/06, 10/28/10, 6/8/15)*

- (a) **Spring Game.** One contest at the conclusion of the spring practice period [see Bylaw 17.11.5-(a)], provided the contest is against a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both;
- (b) **Celebration Bowl.** Participation in the Celebration Bowl held between representatives of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference, which shall meet the reporting requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.7.2 in order to be exempt;
- (c) **Twelve-Member Conference Championship Game.** A conference championship game between division champions of a member conference of 12 or more institutions that is divided into two divisions (of six or more institutions each), each of which conducts round-robin, regular-season competition among the members of that division;
- (d) **Championship Subdivision Conference Tournament.** A conference-sponsored, season-ending postseason tournament (one between teams that are not identified until the end of the preceding regular season), not to exceed one contest for any member institution. This provision does not preclude an institution from participating in a conference-sponsored season-ending postseason tournament and additional postseason football opportunities (e.g., NCAA Championship, Celebration Bowl) during the same season;
- (e) **NCAA Championship.** Games played in the NCAA Division I Football Championship;
- (f) **NCAA Championship Play-in-Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (g) **NAIA Championship.** Games play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) football championship;
- (h) **Foreign Tour.** The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31;

- (i) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any football games played in Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a Division I member institution located outside the areas in question; and
- (j) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's football team who participate in local celebrity football activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.11.7 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. [FBS/FCS] Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2): *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 3/10/04, 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07)*

17.11.7.1 Conditioning Activities -- Bowl Subdivision. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2 as follows: *(Revised: 1/16/10)*

17.11.7.1.1 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its out-of-season conditioning period as follows: *(Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 1/16/10, 7/1/11, 12/6/11, 10/30/13, 4/26/17, 1/23/19)*

- (a) An institution shall designate eight weeks as student-athlete discretionary time (see Bylaw 17.02.15). The designated eight weeks (each week must be seven consecutive calendar days) must be placed on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to January 1. An institution is permitted to designate institutional vacation periods (e.g., holiday break, spring break) as student-athlete discretionary time.
- (b) Required conditioning, weight-training activities, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20) shall remain permissible during the academic year outside the eight weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of game film and participating in walk-throughs.
- (c) Spring football practice per Bylaw 17.11.7.5 shall remain permissible outside the eight weeks.
- (d) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and its reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time (in addition to the eight weeks already designated).
- (e) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.7. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.
- (f) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

17.11.7.1.1.1 National Service Academies. [FBS] National service academies shall be subject to the restrictions governing conditioning activities in Bylaw 17.11.7.1.1, except that they shall be able to designate nine weeks of student-athlete discretionary time between January 1 and the start of the preseason practice period. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

17.11.7.2 Conditioning Activities -- Championship Subdivision. [FCS] In championship subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2. Between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for the preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its summer conditioning period as follows: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, Revised: 1/14/08, 1/16/10, 10/30/13)*

- (a) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time.
- (b) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be

involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.7. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.

- (c) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

17.11.7.3 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. [FBS/FCS] A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate. (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03*)

17.11.7.4 Postseason Practice Session. [FBS/FCS] An institution may conduct one postseason practice session before the end of the institution's academic year for the purpose of conducting a professional tryout or workout activity, subject to the following conditions: (*Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

- (a) A student-athlete may not miss class to participate;
- (b) The session shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition;
- (c) The session shall not involve contact and student-athletes shall not wear protective equipment (e.g. helmet, shoulder pads, spider pads, padded undergarments); and
- (d) The amount of time that a student-athlete is involved in such countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours.

17.11.7.5 Spring Practice. [FBS/FCS] Fifteen postseason practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.11.6.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 15 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, review of game film and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.20). Practice sessions must meet the following conditions: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/13/98, 6/21/01, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/17, 1/19/22, 2/9/22*)

- (a) All practice sessions are conducted within a period of 34 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather.
- (b) Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session.
- (c) Only 12 of the practice sessions may involve contact, and such contact shall not occur prior to the third practice session.
- (d) The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment.
- (e) Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and not more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (f) An institution shall not conduct full contact (tackling to the ground) practices on consecutive calendar days.
- (g) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than the three tackling sessions devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (h) Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn by the student-athletes.
- (i) If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.11.6.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (j) The amount of time that a student-athlete may be involved in such postseason countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.11.7.6 Summer Practice. [FBS/FCS] Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official

interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 9/27/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.11.8 Camps or Clinics. [FBS/FCS] There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in football who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 5/9/06, 12/15/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

17.11.9 Other Restrictions. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. [FBS/FCS]

17.11.9.1.1 During Academic Year. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete in football who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside football team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate football competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate football competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 4/22/14*)

17.11.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. [FBS/FCS] A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

17.11.9.2 Postseason Football Contests. [FBS/FCS] A member institution shall not participate in any noncollegiate or nonconference-sponsored postseason football game unless it satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. (*Revised: 2/1/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12*)

17.12 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.12.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.12.1.1 Exception – East Lake Cup. Participation in the East Lake Cup is excluded from an institution's 144-day season. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.12.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in golf before September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19*)

17.12.2.1 Exception – Fall Conference Championship. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship in golf during the fall may commence practice August 24 or the first day in which classes are scheduled for the institution's fall term, whichever date occurs earlier. (*Adopted: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99*)

17.12.2.2 Exception – Topy Cup. An institution selected to participate in the Topy Cup may commence practice sessions five days before the practice round of the event. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12*)

17.12.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or practice match) with outside competition in golf before September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19*)

17.12.3.1 Exception – Topy Cup. An institution may participate in the Topy Cup before the date specified for the first date of competition in Bylaw 17.12.3. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12*)

17.12.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in golf by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Golf Championships. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.12.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in golf during the permissible golf playing season to 24 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.2 and 17.12.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/12/08 effective 8/1/08*)

17.12.5.1.1 Tournament Limitations. [#] No tournament shall exceed three days. A "college-am" fundraiser may be excluded from this limitation, provided the event is held the day prior to a three-day tournament and no practice round is played prior to the day of the "college-am." (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.12.5.1.2 Determination of Date of Competition. An institution shall be considered to have used a date of competition in golf if five or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution or any number of student-athletes contribute to a team score on a particular date. (*Revised: 1/15/09 effective 8/1/09*)

17.12.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.12.5.1.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 24 dates of competition in golf (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/12/08 effective 8/1/08*)

17.12.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following: (*Revised: 1/10/91, Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/20, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in golf;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in golf each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in golf each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** The dates of competition of one event (e.g., dual competition, tournament) in golf in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any golf activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's golf team who participate in local celebrity golf activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **College-Am Event.** A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation;
- (i) **Conference Playoff.** Conference playoff competition involving institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single conference championship playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry into an NCAA championship without the event being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for golf as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);
- (k) **College All-American Golf Classic.** Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition;
- (l) **East Lake Cup.** Competition in the East Lake Cup; and
- (m) **Augusta National Women's Amateur.** Competition in the Augusta National Women's Amateur.

17.12.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt a foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.12.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.12.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91)*

17.12.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.12.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.12.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in golf who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.12.8 Other Restrictions.

17.12.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.12.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in golf who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside golf team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate golf competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate golf unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 10/3/05)*

17.12.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.12.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate golf who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur golf team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.12.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.12.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's golf team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.12.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.12.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93)*

17.13 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.13.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in gymnastics shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off

days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in gymnastics prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in gymnastics prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.13.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in gymnastics by the conclusion of the USA Gymnastics or National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships, whichever is later. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97, 4/27/00)*

17.13.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.13.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in gymnastics during the permissible gymnastics playing season to 13 dates of competition except for the dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.13.5.2 and 17.13.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.13.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable gymnastics dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.13.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 13 dates of competition in gymnastics. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.13.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in United States.** One date of competition in gymnastics each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any gymnastics activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's gymnastics team who participate in local celebrity gymnastics activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.13.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. The contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.13.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.13.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.13.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.13.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.13.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses gymnastics equipment. The coach may provide safety instruction and skill instruction, but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.13.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in gymnastics who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.13.9 Other Restrictions.

17.13.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.13.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in gymnastics who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside gymnastics team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate gymnastics competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate gymnastics competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.13.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.13.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate gymnastics who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur gymnastics team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.13.9.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

17.13.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's gymnastics team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.13.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (*Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20*)

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.13.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.14 Ice Hockey. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 5/30/08)

17.14.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in ice hockey shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.14.2 Preseason Practice. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Monday before the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Monday before the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/04, 3/16/07, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)

17.14.3 First Contest. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. (See Figure 17-2.) (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 3/16/07)

17.14.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in each segment in ice hockey by the last day of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.14.5 Number of Contests.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's ice hockey playing season to 34 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)

17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in ice hockey in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.14.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 34 contests (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.14.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude the following: (Adopted: 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 11/22/04, 1/14/08, 4/25/18, 1/22/20, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in ice hockey (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA ice hockey championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA ice hockey championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One ice hockey contest each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One ice hockey contest each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hall of Fame Game.** The one ice hockey game between two Division I intercollegiate teams conducted by the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame;
- (h) **U.S. Olympic or Paralympic Team.** One ice hockey contest each year against the U.S. Olympic or Paralympic ice hockey team during that team's training for participation in the Winter Olympics;

- (i) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (j) **Fundraising Activity.** Any ice hockey activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (k) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's ice hockey team who participate in local celebrity ice hockey activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (l) **U.S. National Team.** One game played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for ice hockey as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team); and
- (m) **Hockey Commissioners Association/Ice Breaker Tournaments.** Competition in the men's or women's Ice Breaker Tournament sponsored by the Hockey Commissioners Association.
- (n) **Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest.** One ice hockey scrimmage or exhibition contest each year against outside competition.

17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.14.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.14.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.14.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.14.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in ice hockey who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.14.8 Other Restrictions.

17.14.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.14.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in ice hockey who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside ice hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate ice hockey competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate ice hockey competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.14.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.14.8.1.1.2 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition. (*Adopted: 1/17/09*)

17.14.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate ice hockey who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur ice hockey team, provided such competition on an outside team occurs only during the summer (except as provided in Bylaw 17.14.8.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.14.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's ice hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.14.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.14.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.15 Lacrosse. Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.15.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in lacrosse shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.15.2 Preseason Practice. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Men.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to the following dates:
 - (1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
 - (2) **Championship Segment.** January 7.
- (b) **Women.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to the following dates:
 - (1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
 - (2) **Championship Segment.** The third Saturday in January.

17.15.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Men.** An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to the following dates:
 - (1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
 - (2) **Championship Segment.** The Saturday that is 16 weeks before the Saturday immediately preceding the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship game.
- (b) **Women.** An institution shall not engage in its first contest or date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to the following dates:
 - (1) **Nonchampionship Segment.** September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
 - (2) **Championship Segment.** The Friday that is 15 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship game.

17.15.3.1 Exception -- Preseason Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. An institution may play up to three lacrosse scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.15.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.15.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, Revised: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.15.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in lacrosse by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Lacrosse Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.15.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.15.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) **Men.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's playing season to 17 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.15.5.3 and 17.15.5.4.
- (b) **Women.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 17 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.15.5.3 and 17.15.5.4.

17.15.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable contests or dates of competition in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.15.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

- (a) **Men.** An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.
- (b) **Women.** An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.15.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in lacrosse shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in lacrosse;
- (b) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (c) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (d) **Alumni Game.** One contest or date of competition in lacrosse each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (e) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One contest or date of competition in lacrosse each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (f) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any contests or dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any lacrosse activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's lacrosse team who participate in local celebrity lacrosse activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (i) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for lacrosse as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.15.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption – Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.15.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.15.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.15.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in lacrosse who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.15.8 Other Restrictions.

17.15.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.15.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in lacrosse who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside lacrosse team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate lacrosse competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate lacrosse competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.15.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.15.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate lacrosse to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur lacrosse team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.15.8.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.15.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's lacrosse team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.15.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (*Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20*)

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.15.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05*)

17.16 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See [Figure 17-1](#) and [Figure 17-2](#).)

17.16.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in rifle shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.16.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rifle prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.16.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in rifle prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in rifle by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.16.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.16.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rifle during the permissible rifle playing season to 13 dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.16.5.3 and 17.16.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.5.1.1 Competition That Exceeds One Day. An institution that participates in a match that exceeds one day in duration may count the multiple-day contest as a single date of competition. However, if a student-athlete fires more than one score for either smallbore rifle or air rifle during a multiple-day contest, such participation will result in a second date of competition for the institution. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.16.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rifle in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.16.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 13 dates of competition in rifle. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.16.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in rifle each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in rifle each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in rifle in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by an active member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rifle activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rifle team who participate in local celebrity rifle activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for rifle as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.16.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2 (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.16.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.16.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.16.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is shooting. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.16.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rifle who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.16.9 Other Restrictions.

17.16.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.16.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in rifle who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rifle team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rifle competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rifle competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.16.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.16.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rifle who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rifle team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.16.9.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

17.16.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's rifle team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.16.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (*Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20*)

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.16.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.17 Women's Rowing. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.17.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in rowing shall be limited to a 156-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.1.1 Winter-Training Trip. A single winter-training trip, for practice only, shall be permitted between the segments, provided the trip does not exceed two weeks and is counted as part of the 156-day playing and practice season. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in rowing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in rowing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.17.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in rowing by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Rowing Championship, or for lightweight rowing, the conclusion of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01)*

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rowing during the institution's playing season to 20 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rowing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 20 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in rowing;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in rowing each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in rowing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in rowing in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rowing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rowing team who participate in local celebrity rowing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.17.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in rowing on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.

17.17.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.17.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses rowing equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in rowing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9 Other Restrictions.

17.17.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.17.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in rowing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rowing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rowing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rowing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.17.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/16/10)*

17.17.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rowing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rowing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.17.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with remaining eligibility from that institution's rowing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.17.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.17.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/05)*

17.18 Women's Rugby. Regulations for computing the women's rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's rugby shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's rugby prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in women's rugby prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's rugby by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution or the conclusion of the USA Rugby College 7s National Championship or the Collegiate Rugby 7s National Championship, whichever occurs later. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.18.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's rugby during the institution's rugby playing season in any one year to 16 dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.6.3 and 17.17.6.4. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.1.1 Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. A member institution may play one rugby scrimmage or exhibition game (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled date of competition during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmage or exhibition game is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's rugby in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 rugby dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of rugby dates of competition shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in women's rugby;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., national governing body championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any women's rugby dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for rugby (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).
- (g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any rugby activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds

for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

- (h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's rugby team who participate in local celebrity rugby activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

- (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
- (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.18.5.4 Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.18.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's rugby who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8 Other Restrictions.

17.18.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.18.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's rugby who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside rugby team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate rugby competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate rugby competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.18.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in rugby may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;
- (c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and
- (d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.18.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's rugby to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rugby team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.17.9.1.1.1 and 17.17.9.1.1.2). *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's rugby team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.18.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.18.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in skiing shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. An institution that sponsors both Alpine and Nordic skiing may declare separate playing and practice seasons. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in skiing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meets or practice meets) with outside competition in skiing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in skiing by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.19.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible skiing playing season to 32 dates of competition for Alpine events and 32 dates of competition for Nordic events, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 4/29/04, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in skiing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 32 dates of competition in skiing. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/18)*

17.19.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in skiing each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in skiing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in skiing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any skiing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's skiing team who participate in local celebrity skiing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for skiing as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.19.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.19.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.19.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.19.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in skiing. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.19.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in skiing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.19.9 Other Restrictions.

17.19.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.19.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in skiing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside skiing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate skiing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate skiing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.19.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.19.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate skiing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur skiing team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.19.9.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

17.19.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining with the institution's skiing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.19.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.19.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.20 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.20.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.20.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first scheduled regular-season contest). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/14/03, 6/17/15, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.20.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. *(Adopted: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 12/14/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/17/15, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) **Men.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.
- (b) **Women.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

17.20.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.20.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.20.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. *(Adopted: 12/14/07, Revised: 6/17/15)*

17.20.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in soccer by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.20.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.20.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor soccer (for the applicable gender) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form

of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

17.20.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

17.20.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.20.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.20.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of soccer contests and dates of competition shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.20.3.1): (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 12/14/07, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in soccer (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA soccer championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference soccer championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA soccer championship without the game(s) being counted as a regular-season contest or postseason tournament;
- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one-season ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One soccer contest or date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One soccer contest or date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any soccer games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any soccer activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's soccer team who participate in local celebrity soccer activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for soccer (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.20.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.20.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.20.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.20.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in soccer who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)*

17.20.8 Other Restrictions.

17.20.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.20.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in soccer who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside soccer team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate soccer competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate soccer competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.20.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/31/02)*

17.20.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in soccer may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/31/02)*

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed five;
- (c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and
- (d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.20.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate soccer to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur soccer team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.20.8.1.1.1 and 17.20.8.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 10/31/02)*

17.20.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's soccer team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.20.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.20.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.21 Softball. Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.21.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in softball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/13/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.1.1 Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.1.2 Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 45 consecutive days during the months of September, October and November under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

- (a) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;
- (b) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or skill-related instruction are not required to count toward the 132-day season;
- (c) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and
- (d) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2).

17.21.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball before September 1 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is later; however, if an institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15, the institution may commence practice sessions on or after September 15. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.21.3 First Contest Date. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmages) with outside competition in softball prior to the following dates: *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)*

- (a) **Nonchampionship Segment.** If the institution's first day of classes occurs on or before September 15: September 1 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is later. If the institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15: September 15.
- (b) **Championship Segment.** The Thursday that is 14 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship (see Figure 17-2).

17.21.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in softball by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.21.5 Number of Contests.

17.21.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.21.5.3 and 17.21.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.21.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than eight other Division I institutions that sponsor softball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and eight. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.21.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.21.5.1.3 Daily Contest Limitations. There shall be a limit of three on the number of contests that may be played during any one calendar day. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.21.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in softball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.21.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 56 softball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the

institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.5.2.1 Daily Contest Limitations. There shall be a limit of three on the number of contests that may be played during any one calendar day. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of softball contests shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 10/31/02, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in softball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One softball contest each year with an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One softball contest or both games of a doubleheader each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any softball games played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member institution located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any softball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's softball team who participate in local celebrity softball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One contest or both games of a double-header against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for softball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.21.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt those softball games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31, from its maximum number of softball contests during any academic year. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.21.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.21.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.21.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in softball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

17.21.8 Other Restrictions.

17.21.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.21.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in softball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside softball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate softball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate softball competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.21.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.21.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate softball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur softball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.21.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.21.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's softball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.21.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.21.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.22 Swimming and Diving. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season, in swimming and diving shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.1.1 Exception. A diving student-athlete may engage in diving sessions beyond the conclusion of the institution's 144-day playing and practice season, provided the student-athlete does not engage in countable in-season athletically related activities for more than 144 days. *(Adopted: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

17.22.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in swimming and diving prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in swimming and diving prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in swimming and diving by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.22.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in swimming and diving during the institution's swimming and diving playing season to 20 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.5.3 and 17.22.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.22.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in swimming and diving in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.22.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.22.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 2/24/03, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in swimming and diving (or the meet used to determine the conference's entries in an NCAA swimming and diving championships);
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in swimming and diving each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in swimming and diving each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any swimming and diving activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's swimming and diving team who participate in local celebrity swimming and diving activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for swimming and diving as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.22.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31). (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.22.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.22.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.22.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.22.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in swimming and diving. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.22.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in swimming and diving who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9 Other Restrictions.

17.22.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.22.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in swimming and diving who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate swimming and diving competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/3/05)*

17.22.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9.1.1.2 Exception – Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. A student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.22.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.22.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.22.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's swimming and diving team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.22.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.22.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.23 Tennis. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.23.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in tennis shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in tennis prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in tennis prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in tennis by the conclusion of the NCAA tennis championships in the institution's division. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.23.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in tennis during the permissible tennis playing season to 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.23.5.3 and 17.23.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.1.1 Dual Tennis Match. A dual tennis match in which head-to-head competition occurs between two collegiate institutions or between an intercollegiate team and an outside team shall count as one date of competition.

17.23.5.1.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Institutional. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (not to exceed the maximum number of tournaments noted in Bylaw 17.23.5.1) for those institutions that have more than four student-athletes competing therein, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. If more than four student-athletes represent an institution in such tournaments at different sites on the same date, the institution must count an institutional date of competition for that date (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1). *(Revised: 10/20/08, 1/15/09 effective 8/1/09)*

17.23.5.1.2.1 Participation in Multiple Tournaments on the Same Day or Days. An institution that participates in multiple individual singles or doubles tournaments on the same day or days may select any day on which all the tournaments are conducted as one institutional date of competition. Participation in a separate event (e.g., dual match, tournament that includes team scoring) on the selected day shall be counted as follows: *(Adopted: 3/10/04, Revised: 10/15/08, 6/20/11)*

- (a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.
- (b) If the institution participates in a separate event on a day not selected as the date of competition associated with multiple individual singles or doubles tournaments, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

17.23.5.1.3 Participation in Tournament Played under the Team Tennis Format -- Institutional. A tournament, involving both male and female participants (comprised of not more than three men and three women), played under the rules and format of Team Tennis, shall not count as a date of competition for either the men's or women's team, regardless of the actual number of days during which competition takes place. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.23.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in tennis in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.23.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as a single date of competition). This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.2.1 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (in not more than seven tournaments) for the participating individuals, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.23.5.2.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Team Tennis Tournament Limitations -- Student-Athlete. A tournament conducted more than one day, under the rules and format of Team Tennis, shall count as one date of competition for the participating individuals, regardless of the actual number of days during which tournament competition takes place. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

17.23.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in tennis (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA tennis championships);

- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Match.** One date of competition in tennis each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in tennis each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **ITA Championships.** Participation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association men's and women's national indoor team championships;
- (g) **Fundraising Activity.** Any tennis activities in which athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams or in which team members of that sport participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (h) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's tennis team who participate in local celebrity tennis activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (i) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for tennis as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.23.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31). (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.23.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.23.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.23.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.23.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.23.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in tennis who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.23.8 Other Restrictions.

17.23.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.23.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in tennis who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside tennis team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate tennis competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate tennis competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.23.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.23.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate tennis who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur tennis team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.23.8.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.23.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's tennis team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.23.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.23.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.24 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.24.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

- (a) **Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field.** An institution that sponsors only indoor or outdoor track and field (but not both) or does not participate in the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both indoor and outdoor track and field in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 144-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.
- (b) **Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.** An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 156-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of multiple segments (each consisting of at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.24.1.1 Cross Country/Track and Field Participants. Track and field student-athletes listed as participants for cross country must participate fully in cross country practices. If student-athletes are practicing in track and field events unrelated to cross country, such practice must be counted in the institution's established segment in track and field. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

17.24.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in indoor and outdoor track and field prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in indoor and outdoor track and field prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in indoor and outdoor track and field by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.24.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor or outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor or outdoor track and field playing season to 18 dates of competition. An institution that sponsors indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the

minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting divisional membership requirements shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor/outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to 18 dates of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.24.5.3 and 17.24.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 12/10/97, 3/10/04, 6/20/11*)

17.24.5.1.1 Two-Day Meets. An institution may count a maximum of six two-day meets each as a single date of competition. The institution may select either day of a two-day meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows: (*Adopted: 6/20/11*)

- (a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.
- (b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

17.24.5.1.1.1 Competition That Exceeds Two Days. An institution that participates in a meet that exceeds two days in duration may count the first two days of competition as one of the six two-day meets that each count as a single date of competition but must count any additional days as separate dates of competition. The institution may select either of the first two days of such a meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows: (*Adopted: 3/10/04, Revised: 6/20/11*)

- (a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.
- (b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

17.24.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.24.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 18 dates of competition in indoor or outdoor track and field. An individual student-athlete competing in indoor and outdoor track and field at a member institution that uses both indoor and outdoor track and field to meet divisional sports sponsorship requirements may participate in each academic year in not more than 18 dates of competition, which may include not more than six two-day meets that shall each count as a single date. These limitations include those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93*)

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field shall exclude the following: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship meet in indoor track and field and one such meet in outdoor track and field;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any indoor or outdoor track and field activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of

which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's indoor/outdoor track and field team who participate in local celebrity track and field activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** Any date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for indoor/outdoor track and field as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.24.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

17.24.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.24.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.24.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.24.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18*)

17.24.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in field events, jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/30/09*)

17.24.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in indoor or outdoor track and field who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.24.9 Other Restrictions.

17.24.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.24.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in indoor/outdoor track and field who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside indoor/outdoor track and field team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.24.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed seven. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

17.24.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur indoor/outdoor track and field team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.24.9.1.1.1). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

17.24.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete

with eligibility remaining from the institution's indoor/outdoor track and field team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.24.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.25 Women's Triathlon. Regulations for computing the women's triathlon playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's triathlon shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's triathlon prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's triathlon prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Figure 17-2). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's triathlon by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.25.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's triathlon during the institution's playing season to six dates of competition except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.5.3 and 17.25.5.4. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in triathlon in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than six dates of competition in triathlon, including not more than two during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.25.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship or playoff in triathlon;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g. national intercollegiate championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Contest.** One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States conducted on the course on which the member institution regularly conducts its home dates of competition;

- (e) **Fundraising Activity.** Any triathlon activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (f) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's triathlon team who participate in local celebrity triathlon activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (g) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for triathlon as a U.S. national team; and
- (h) **Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico.** Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.25.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in swimming or cycling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in triathlon who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.9 Other Restrictions.

17.25.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.25.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in triathlon who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside triathlon team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate triathlon competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate triathlon competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in triathlon may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate triathlon who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur triathlon team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.25.9.1.1.1). (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with any student-athlete with eligibility remaining

from the institution's triathlon team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.25.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 1/22/20*)

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.25.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. (*Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14*)

17.26 Volleyball. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.26.1 Length of Playing Season. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

- (a) **Men.** The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.
- (b) **Women.** The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments.
 - (1) **Championship Segment.** An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.
 - (2) **Nonchampionship Segment.** An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days (which may exclude official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition occurs) during the months of January, February, March, April and May under the following conditions:
 - (i) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;
 - (ii) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities are not required to count toward the 132-day season;
 - (iii) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and
 - (iv) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season.

17.26.2 Preseason Practice -- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball prior to 17 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/27/06, 6/12/07, 3/16/15, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

17.26.3 First Date of Competition -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible date of competition. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05*)

17.26.3 First Contest -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible contest shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to

the first permissible contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1. (*Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23*)

17.26.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition (see Bylaw 17.26.7.1). A contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition per Bylaw 17.26.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17*)

17.26.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 and is counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.26.7.1). A contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.26.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest. (*Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23*)

17.26.4 Preseason Practice -- Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.26.5 First Date of Competition -- Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's volleyball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

17.26.6 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in volleyball on the following dates:

- (a) **Men.** The conclusion of the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.
- (b) **Women.** The last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.26.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.26.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition -- Women. (*Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23*)

17.26.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.9 and 17.26.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10*)

17.26.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 32 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.9 and 17.26.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23*)

17.26.7.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than four other Division I institutions that sponsor women's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

17.26.7.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

17.26.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.26.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23)*

17.26.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 32 contests in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23)*

17.26.8 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.

17.26.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.9 and 17.26.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)*

17.26.8.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than four other Division I institutions that sponsor men's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.26.8.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.26.8.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Men. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for those contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.26.8.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition in men's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.26.9 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, Adopted: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 9/6/00, 9/7/07, 6/1/11, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in volleyball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA volleyball championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference volleyball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA volleyball championship without the date(s) of competition being counted as a postseason tournament;

- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game.** One date of competition in volleyball each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in volleyball each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in volleyball in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity.** Any volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's volleyball team who participate in local celebrity volleyball activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (j) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for volleyball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).
- (k) **AVCA Volleyball Showcase.** Competition in the AVCA Volleyball Showcase.

17.26.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.26.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of contests or dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 6/30/22 effective 8/1/23*)

17.26.11 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.26.11.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.26.12 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in volleyball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.26.13 Other Restrictions.

17.26.13.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.26.13.1.1 During Academic Year -- Men and Women. A student-athlete in volleyball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside volleyball team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate volleyball competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate volleyball competition unless eligibility is restored by the

Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)*

17.26.13.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in men's or women's volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

17.26.13.1.1.2 May 1 Exception – Women's Volleyball. A student-athlete in women's volleyball may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed two;
- (c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics;
- (d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition; and
- (e) All practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

17.26.13.1.2 Out of Season. In men's and women's volleyball, a member institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.26.13.1.1.1 and 17.26.13.1.1.2). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)*

17.26.13.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.26.13.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.26.13.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.27 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in water polo shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

17.27.2 Preseason Practice. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98, 4/14/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Men.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.
- (b) **Women.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's water polo prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98)*

- (a) **Men.** A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's water polo prior to the first Saturday in September (see Figure 17-2).

- (b) **Women.** A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's water polo prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.27.4 End of Regular Playing Season. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/11/98)*

- (a) **Men.** A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in men's water polo by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.
- (b) **Women.** A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's water polo by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in water polo during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.5.3 and 17.27.5.4. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.27.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in water polo in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.27.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/11/98, 9/6/00, 2/24/03, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship -- Men and Women.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in water polo (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the tournament used to determine the conference's entry in the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship);
- (b) **Conference Playoff -- Men and Women.** Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference water polo championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship without the game(s) being counted as a postseason tournament;
- (c) **NCAA Championship Play-In Competition -- Men and Women.** Competition in play-in contests conducted before the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship or the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship;
- (d) **Season-Ending Event -- Men and Women.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (e) **Alumni Game -- Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (f) **Foreign Team in the United States -- Men and Women.** One date of competition in water polo each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (g) **Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico -- Men and Women.** For men's and women's water polo, any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (h) **Fundraising Activity -- Men and Women.** Any water polo activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

- (i) **Celebrity Sports Activity – Men and Women.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's water polo team who participate in local celebrity water polo activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

- (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
- (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
- (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

- (j) **U.S. National Team -- Men and Women.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for water polo as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.27.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07*)

17.27.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.27.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.27.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

17.27.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in water polo who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

17.27.8 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in water polo. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in water polo who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside water polo team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate water polo competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate water polo competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05*)

17.27.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur water polo team. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

17.27.9.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in men's water polo may compete outside an institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: (*Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 5/1/99*)

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and
- (c) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur water polo team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.27.9.1.1.1 and 17.27.9.1.1.2). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

17.27.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete

with eligibility remaining from the institution's water polo team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

17.27.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.27.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/05)*

17.28 Men's Wrestling. Regulations for computing the men's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Revised: 2/24/03, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in men's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's wrestling prior to October 10. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's wrestling prior to November 1. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in men's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's wrestling during the permissible men's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.28.5.3 and 17.28.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 6/20/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met: *(Adopted: 6/20/11, Revised: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and
- (b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.

17.28.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in men's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.28.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling shall exclude the following: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Adopted: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 9/6/00, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20, 5/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament in wrestling (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entries in the NCAA men's wrestling championships);
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any men's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's men's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity men's wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for men's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);
- (i) **NWCA All-Star Meet.** One date of competition in men's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and
- (j) **NWCA National Duals.** Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals.

17.28.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

17.28.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.28.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

17.28.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

17.28.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05, 4/25/18)*

17.28.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in men's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in men's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as camps in their institution's camps or clinics. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9 Other Restrictions.

17.28.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in men's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside men's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate men's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.28.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.28.9.1.1.1). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's men's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.31 and 17.33.3. *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.28.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11, 1/22/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.28.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

17.29 Women's Wrestling. Regulations for computing the women's wrestling playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's wrestling prior to October 10. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's wrestling prior to November 1. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.29.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's wrestling during the permissible women's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.29.5.3 and 17.29.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and
- (b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.

17.29.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competitions in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.29.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's wrestling shall exclude the following: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) **Conference Championship.** Competition in one conference championship tournament;
- (b) **Season-Ending Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., national governing body championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) **Alumni Meet.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;
- (d) **Foreign Team in the United States.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) **Hawaii or Alaska.** Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;
- (f) **Fundraising Activity.** Any women's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (g) **Celebrity Sports Activity.** Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (h) **U.S. National Team.** One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);
- (i) **NWCA All-Star Meet.** One date of competition in women's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and
- (j) **NWCA National Duals.** Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals.

17.29.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institutions's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.30.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in women's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camp or clinics. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9 Other Restrictions.

17.29.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.29.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.33.3 for exceptions). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.29.9.1.1.1). *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.30 and 17.33.3. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.29.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.29.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

17.30 Exceptions for Member Institutions Located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

17.30.1 Practice and Playing Seasons. Member institutions located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico shall not be required to observe the starting dates for the practice and playing seasons set forth in this bylaw, provided the amount of practice and number of contests engaged in by such institutions in each sport do not exceed the amount of practice and number of contests in each sport permitted other members of the Association.

17.30.2 Alaska/Hawaii, Additional Football Contest. Member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii shall be permitted to exceed, by one, the maximum number of football contests permitted under Bylaw 17.11.6.1 but otherwise shall conform to the same maximum number of contests and dates of competition permitted other members of the Association.

17.31 Foreign Tours.

17.31.1 Institutional Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

17.31.1.1 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a U.S. commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a U.S. territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) may be considered a foreign tour. *(Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

17.31.1.2 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than a Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution's official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution's vacation period. *(Revised: 10/18/89, 4/29/04, 10/29/04 effective 11/1/04, 5/12/05, 1/8/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09 a contract signed before 4/14/08 may be honored, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.1 Summer Vacation Period. A foreign tour taken during the summer vacation period shall be considered to have occurred during the academic year after the summer for purposes of Bylaw 17. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.2 Prohibition Prior to Championship Segment. In sports in which separate dates are specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition for the championship segment (e.g., women's volleyball, basketball, baseball), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour during the period beginning 30 days prior to the first permissible practice date until the first permissible date for a contest or date of competition in the championship segment in the applicable sport. In sports in which the same date is specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition (e.g., gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and diving), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of the institution's declared playing and practice season (first permissible date of practice or competition) for the championship segment in the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 6/11/07, Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.2.3 Exception – National Service Academies. In sports other than football, a national service academy may conduct a foreign tour at any time, provided: *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

- (a) The tour is requested and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Department of Defense, or a direct subordinate organization;
- (b) The tour is for the purpose of advancing international relations; and
- (c) All missed class time is approved by the appropriate institutional authority.

17.31.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.3.1 Exception – National Service Academies. A national service academy shall not engage in a foreign tour conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.31.1.2.3 more than once every three years in each sport. Such a tour shall not count toward the once-in-four-years restriction and, in basketball, shall not count as participation in a foreign tour for the participating student-athletes. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.31.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 12.8.3.6): *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/30/10, 4/26/17)*

- (a) If the tour takes place during the summer, a student-athlete shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that the student-athlete is eligible for competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; or
- (b) If the tour takes place after preseason practice or the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution (see Bylaw 14.2.1.1) and eligible for intercollegiate competition. A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at the previous institution upon leaving the institution.

17.31.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation – Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. It is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice conducted in preparation for the foreign tour, provided the student-athlete is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year

immediately following the tour. If an incoming freshman student-athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, the student-athlete may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student-athlete's academic record has not been certified, the student-athlete may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7. A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at the previous institution upon leaving the institution. *(Revised: 5/4/05, 7/30/10, 4/26/17)*

17.31.1.4.2 Eligibility for Travel Expenses. An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to travel on a foreign tour, provided the student-athlete is eligible to practice. *(Adopted: 8/3/22)*

17.31.1.5 Practice Limitation. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted prior to departure. Practice is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period. *(Revised: 1/14/08, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.6 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.6.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. A national service academy that conducts a foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.31.1.2.3 shall be limited to a maximum of three contests or dates of competition during and as part of the tour. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

17.31.1.7 Opponents. The team shall not compete during the tour against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.7.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. It is permissible for rowing teams representing NCAA member institutions to compete against each other as part of the Henley Women's Regatta and the Henley Royal Regatta. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 7/30/10, 4/16/12)*

17.31.1.8 Football Postseason Opportunity. [FBS/FCS] A foreign football tour shall be considered that institution's postseason opportunity for that season, the accounting period to commence with the start of the institution's normal beginning of fall football practice. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete \$30 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour. This expense allowance may be provided each day of the tour, up to a maximum of 21 days. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 11/1/01, 7/30/10, 1/23/19)*

17.31.1.10 Passports. An institution may purchase passports for its student-athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports. The institution also may provide student-athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)*

17.31.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team that includes more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.31.1. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/31/02, 5/18/05, 1/16/10)*

Baseball	4	Gymnastics	2	Softball	4
Basketball	2	Ice Hockey	4	Swimming and Diving	5
Cross Country	2	Lacrosse	5	Tennis	2
Fencing	4	Rifle	2	Track and Field	7
Field Hockey	5	Women's Rowing	4	Volleyball	2
Football	5	Skiing	4	Water Polo	4
Golf	2	Soccer	5	Wrestling	5

17.31.2.1 Institutional Foreign-Tour Limitations. A member institution shall be charged with its foreign-tour opportunity in a sport and its once-in-four-years limitation if the institution is represented by more than the number of student-athletes specified under Bylaw 17.31.2 on an outside team participating in a foreign tour in that sport.

17.32 Playing Rules. Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. It is not mandatory that those rules be used in institutional scrimmages or other forms of practice with outside competition.

17.33 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

17.33.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/05)*

17.33.1.1 Exception -- Sports Other Than Wrestling. In sports other than wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.33.1.2 Exception -- Women's Wrestling. In women's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.33.1.3 Exception -- Men's Wrestling. In men's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1 and any vacation period that occurs during the student-athlete's first academic term of full-time enrollment. A student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade-point average, as specified in Bylaw 14.3.3.3, to participate in outside competition. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2. *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.33.1.4 Exception -- Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Field Hockey and Men's Water Polo. In soccer, women's volleyball, field hockey and men's water polo, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 1/12/99 effective 5/1/99)*

- (a) Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
- (b) In soccer, women's volleyball and field hockey, the number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2;
- (c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics;
- (d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition; and
- (e) In women's volleyball, all practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

17.33.1.5 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 1/17/09)*

17.33.1.6 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Swimming and Diving. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

17.33.1.7 Exception -- USA Fencing National Championships. In fencing, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a USA Fencing member club team in the USA Fencing National Championships. *(Adopted: 1/14/12)*

17.33.1.8 Exception -- Preseason Tryouts. A student-athlete who fails to make an institution's team during a given year after participating in limited preseason tryouts shall not be subject to the provision of Bylaw 17.33.1. *(Revised: 4/5/06)*

17.33.1.9 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only the student-athlete in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

17.33.1.9.1 Exception -- No Competition Before November 1 -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

17.33.1.9.2 Exception -- No Competition During First Term -- Men's Wrestling. In men's wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual during the student-athlete's first full-time term of collegiate enrollment. Thereafter, a student-athlete shall meet the minimum grade-point average requirement specified in Bylaw 14.3.3.3 in order to be eligible to compete in outside competition as an individual. *(Adopted: 6/30/22 effective 8/1/22)*

17.33.1.10 Exempt Teams. In individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2), such units as "pro-am" golf teams, doubles tennis teams and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be outside teams for purposes of this legislation.

17.33.1.11 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 17.33. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

17.33.1.12 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 17.33. *(Adopted: 8/26/10, Revised: 7/31/15)*

17.33.1.13 Application of Numerical Limitations to Transfer Student-Athletes. A student-athlete who has officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and has been accepted for enrollment at a second institution does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes from the first institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport and does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes at the second institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport unless the student-athlete is a student-athlete at that institution (e.g., has enrolled and attended classes during a summer term). *(Adopted: 4/15/14)*

17.33.2 Outside Competition -- Basketball. A student-athlete who participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition in accordance with the permissible playing season specified in Bylaw 17.4 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaws 17.33.3 and 17.33.4 for exceptions and waivers).

17.33.2.1 Organized Basketball Competition. Outside basketball competition, including competition involving teams with fewer than five players, shall be considered "organized" if any one of the following conditions exists:

- (a) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
- (b) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
- (c) Official score is kept;
- (d) Individual or team standings are maintained;
- (e) Official timer or game officials are used;
- (f) Team uniforms are used;
- (g) Admission is charged;
- (h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
- (i) Competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

17.33.2.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and subsequently enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, fulfilling a residence requirement after transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

17.33.2.2.1 Exception -- 4-2-4 Transfer Participating in June Intercollegiate Event. Outside competition legislation does not apply to a 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athlete who participates in a June intercollegiate event (see Bylaw 13.1.7.5.3). *(Adopted: 1/22/20)*

17.33.2.3 Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant. Participation by a student-athlete in organized basketball competition while enrolled in a member institution and having participated in a sport other than basketball would not jeopardize the student's eligibility in basketball if the individual had not been recruited in basketball and had not participated on or been a candidate for the institution's intercollegiate basketball team.

17.33.3 Exceptions -- All Sports. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted: (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/9/01, 7/30/10, 1/14/12, 1/23/19, 10/17/19, 1/22/20, 8/3/22*)

- (a) **High School or Two-Year College All-Star Contests.** A student-athlete may compete in a high school or two-year college all-star contest during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment in a regular term at the institution.
- (b) **High School Alumni Game.** A student-athlete may compete in one game a year involving participants from the student-athlete's former high school and its alumni team. In sports other than basketball, this game must take place during an official vacation period of the institution's academic year.
- (c) **Multisport Events.** A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multisport events.
- (d) **Established Regional and National Championships.** A student-athlete may participate in established regional (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) and national championship events (including junior regional and national championships) and qualifying competition for such events.
- (e) **International Events.** A student-athlete may participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) and qualifying competition (e.g., Olympic or Paralympic Trials) for such events.
- (f) **National Team Tryouts.** A student-athlete may participate in national team training, tryouts or competition events used for consideration for selection or to determine members of a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition.
- (g) **National Team Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in competition involving national teams and junior national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

17.33.3.1 National-Team Criteria. In applying the regulation permitting exceptions for student-athletes to participate during the institution's intercollegiate season in international competition involving national teams represented in the competition, a national team is defined as one that meets the following criteria: (*Revised: 7/30/10, 4/12/13, 10/17/19, 1/22/20*)

- (a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);
- (b) Selection for such a team is made on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts, publicly announced; and
- (c) The international competition in question requires that the entries officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

17.33.4 Exceptions -- Basketball. (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 2/24/03, 4/14/03, Adopted: 4/24/03, 7/30/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

- (a) **Summer League.** A student-athlete may compete during the period between June 15 and August 31 or the institution's opening day of classes (see Bylaw 17.02.13.3), whichever comes earlier, on a team in a league certified per Bylaw 17.33.4.1, provided the student-athlete has received written permission from the institution's athletics director (or the director's official representative) prior to participation in the league. If the student-athlete is transferring and has been officially accepted for enrollment in a second institution, and if the previous institution certifies that the student has withdrawn and does not intend to return to that institution for the next term, this written permission is to be obtained from the member institution to which the student-athlete is transferring. Under such circumstances, the student-athlete does not count on the summer-league roster as a representative of either institution unless the student-athlete has enrolled and attended classes during the certifying institution's summer term.
- (b) **Puerto Rico Superior Basketball League.** A student-athlete who is a resident of Puerto Rico may participate in the Superior Basketball League of Puerto Rico (see Bylaw 12.02.12).
- (c) **United States vs. U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in the United States against U.S. national teams.

- (d) **Outside-Team Tours.** A student-athlete may participate in an outside team summer foreign basketball tour (see Bylaw 17.31.2).
- (e) **Basketball Draft Combine.** A student-athlete using the draft exception set forth in Bylaw 12.2.4.2.1 may participate in a draft combine sponsored by a professional sports organization (during the summer or academic year), provided the student-athlete has received written permission from the institution's director of athletics.

17.33.4.1 Summer Basketball Leagues. In order for a summer basketball league to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office. To be certified, the following criteria must be met by each league: *(Revised: 10/18/89, 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/6/93, 1/11/94, 4/20/99, 4/27/00, 11/1/01, 1/13/03, 4/14/03, 4/29/04, 11/1/07, 10/30/08, 2/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/29/15)*

- (a) **All-Star Games Prohibition.** No all-star game of any kind shall be permitted;
- (b) **Geographical Limitation.** League play shall be within 100 air miles of the city limits of the student-athlete's official residence at the end of the previous academic year or the institution the student-athlete last attended as a regular student. If a league does not exist within 100 air miles of the student-athlete's residence, a student-athlete may participate in the summer league located closest to the student's official residence;
- (c) **Payment Prohibition.** No member team shall make any payments for play or expenses directly or indirectly to any player;
- (d) **Postseason Competition.** Postseason play-offs or tournaments shall be permitted, provided they involve intraleague competition and are completed by August 31;
- (e) **Player Limitations.**
 - (1) **Number From Any One College.** Each team shall include on its roster not more than two players with intercollegiate basketball eligibility remaining from any two-year or four-year college (other than a Division II or Division III member institution);
 - (2) **Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Withdraws.** A student-athlete who is listed on the roster of a team and withdraws or is injured and will not continue to practice or compete may be replaced for the remainder of the season by another basketball student-athlete from the same institution. The institution is permitted only one replacement per team; and
 - (3) **One Team, One League.** All Division I student-athletes must limit their competition to one team in one league;
- (f) **Revenue.** No admission shall be charged for any game, no fee shall be charged for parking to attend any game, no revenue shall be realized at any game from raffles or similar activities, and no revenue shall be realized from over-the-air or cable television or radio rights fees for any game;
- (g) **Staff Limitations.**
 - (1) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any person associated in any employment capacity with any two-year or four-year college, except that institutional employees who are not athletics department staff members and do not have responsibilities directly related to the athletics department may serve as game officials.
 - (2) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any individual who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing;
- (h) **Venue.** A certified league shall not be associated in any way with a venue or other entity that is associated in any way with wagering on intercollegiate athletics;
- (i) **Involvement of Agents.** No individual or agency involved in the marketing of any individual's athletics reputation or ability (including an employee of an agent or anyone associated with an agent in the agent's capacity of marketing any individual's athletics reputation or ability) shall be associated in any capacity with the league (or any team participating in the league);
- (j) **Awards.** League participants may receive an award, provided the cost of the award is included in the participant's entry fee;
- (k) **Accident Medical Insurance.** The league operator must provide proof of accident medical insurance coverage for league participants; and
- (l) **Approval of League Operator or Manager.** Individuals involved in operating or managing a league must be approved in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA basketball certification staff.

17.33.5 Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star football or basketball contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.

FIGURE 17-1**Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition for Each Sport**

Sport	Contests	Dates of Competition
Acrobatics and Tumbling		12
Baseball		
Championship Segment	56	
Other Segment	2	
Basketball	28 or 29 ¹	
Beach Volleyball, Women's		16
Championship Segment		4
Other Segment		
Bowling, Women's		32
Cross Country		7 ²
Equestrian, Women's		15
Fencing		11
Field Hockey		
Championship Segment	20	
Other Segment		5
Football		
FBS	12	
FCS	11 ³	
Golf		24
Gymnastics		13
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	34	
Lacrosse, Men's		17
Lacrosse, Women's		
Championship Segment	17	
Other Segment		5
Rifle		13
Rowing, Women's		20
Rugby, Women's		16
Skiing		16 (Alpine) 16 (Nordic)
Soccer		
Championship Segment	20	
Other Segment		5
Softball		
Championship Segment	56	
Other Segment	8	
Swimming and Diving		20
Tennis		
Overall		25
Individual Singles and/or Doubles Tournaments		7
Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)		18 ⁴
Triathlon, Women's		6
Volleyball, Men's		
Championship Segment		28
Other Segment		4
Volleyball, Women's		
Championship Segment		28 ⁵
Other Segment		4
Water Polo		
Championship Segment		21
Other Segment		4
Wrestling, Men's		16
Wrestling, Women's		16

¹ See Bylaw 17.4.5.1. 28 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (does not exceed three contests per team), 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (does not exceed two contests per team) or 29 contests and no qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

² See Bylaw 17.7.5.1.1 for institutions that sponsor men's or women's cross country but do not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field.

³ Twelve football contests shall be permitted during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible

playing date through the last playing date in November (see Bylaw 17.11.5.1).

⁴See Bylaw 17.24.5.1 for institutions that sponsor indoor and outdoor track and field and participate in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants.

⁵ 32 women's volleyball contests beginning August 1, 2023.

Figure 17-2
First Practice, Contest or Date of Competition, and End-of-Season Dates

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date or Date of Competition	End of Regular Playing Season
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	The first day of classes.	February 1 of each year.	Conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships.
Baseball (Championship Segment)	January 27, 2023; January 26, 2024; January 24, 2025	February 17, 2023; February 16, 2024; February 14, 2025	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.
(Other Segment)	September 1 of each year.	September 1 of each year.	November 30 of each year.
Men's Basketball	42 days before first regular season contest.	November 7, 2022; November 6, 2023; November 4, 2024 Exceptions: See Bylaw 17.4.3.1	NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game.
Women's Basketball	42 days before first regular season contest.	November 7, 2022; November 6, 2023; November 4, 2024 Exceptions: See Bylaw 17.4.3.1	NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game.
Women's Beach Volleyball – (Championship Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	February 23, 2023; February 22, 2024; February 20, 2025	NCAA National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship.
(Other Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	
Women's Bowling	October 1 of each year.	October 1 of each year.	Last day of final exams for the regular academic year.
Cross Country	16 days before first scheduled date of competition.	September 1, 2022; September 1, 2023; August 30, 2024	Last day of final exams for the academic year.
Field Hockey	16 days before first scheduled date of competition.	August 26, 2022; August 25, 2023; August 23, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Football	31 days before first scheduled intercollegiate game.	September 1, 2022; August 31, 2023; August 29, 2024 Exceptions: See Bylaws 17.11.3.1 and 17.11.3.2	Second Saturday or Sunday in December (Exception: See Bylaw 17.11.4).
Golf	September 1 or five days before the first day of classes, whichever occurs earlier (Exceptions: See Bylaws 17.12.2.1 and 17.12.2.2).	September 1 or five days before the first day of classes, whichever occurs earlier (Exception: See Bylaw 17.12.3.1).	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Golf Championships.
Men's Ice Hockey	September 26, 2022; September 25, 2023; September 30, 2024	October 1, 2022; September 30, 2023; October 5, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Women's Ice Hockey	September 12, 2022; September 18, 2023; September 16, 2024	September 17, 2022; September 23, 2023; September 21, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Men's Lacrosse (Championship Segment)	January 7	February 4, 2023; February 3, 2024; February 8, 2025	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.
(Other Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	
Women's Lacrosse (Championship Segment)	January 21, 2023; January 20, 2024; January 18, 2025	February 10, 2023; February 9, 2024; February 7, 2025	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship.
(Other Segment)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date or Date of Competition	End of Regular Playing Season
Women's Rugby	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled date of competition.	September 1, 2022; September 1, 2023; August 30, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Men's Soccer	16 days before first scheduled date of competition.	August 25, 2022; August 24, 2023; August 29, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Women's Soccer	16 days before first scheduled date of competition.	August 18, 2022; August 17, 2023; August 22, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Softball (Championship Segment)	September 1 or the first day of classes, whichever is later or September 15 (See Bylaw 17.21.2)	February 9, 2023; February 8, 2024; February 13, 2025	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship.
(Other Segment)		September 1 or the first day of classes, whichever is later or September 15 (See Bylaw 17.21.2)	
Women's Triathlon	Date that permits 21 "practice units" before first scheduled contest.	September 1, 2022; September 1, 2023; August 29, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Women's Volleyball (Championship Segment)	17 days before first date of scheduled competition (excluding an alumni game).	August 26, 2022; August 25, 2023; August 30, 2024	NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship game [See Bylaw 17.1.9-(b)].
(Other Segment)	January 1 of each year.	January 1 of each year.	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Men's Water Polo	16 days before first scheduled date of competition.	September 3, 2022; September 2, 2023; September 7, 2024	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Men's Wrestling	October 10 of each year.	November 1 of each year.	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Women's Wrestling	October 10 of each year.	November 1 of each year.	Last day of final exams for academic year.
Other Team Sports Women's Rowing Men's Volleyball Women's Water Polo	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	Conclusion of the NCAA Division I or National Collegiate Championship, whichever is applicable.
Other Team Sports Equestrian Fencing Gymnastics Rifle Skiing Swimming and Diving Tennis Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first.	In Gymnastics, USA Gymnastics or National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships, whichever is later. In tennis and track and field, the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Championship. In equestrian, fencing, rifle, skiing and swimming and diving, the last day of final exams for academic year.

FIGURE 17-3
First Contest Date -- Basketball

Academic Year	First Permissible Contest Date	Civic Engagement Required Day Off
2022-23	Monday, November 7, 2022	November 8, 2022
2023-24	Monday, November 6, 2023	November 7, 2023
2024-25	Monday, November 4, 2024	November 5, 2024
2025-26	Tuesday, November 11, 2025	November 4, 2025
2026-27	Tuesday, November 10, 2026	November 3, 2026
2027-28	Monday, November 9, 2027	November 2, 2027
2028-29	Monday, November 6, 2028	November 7, 2028
2029-30	Monday, November 5, 2029	November 6, 2029
2030-31	Monday November 4, 2030	November 5, 2030

BYLAWS, ARTICLE 18

Championships and Postseason Football

18.01 General Principles.

18.01.1 Purpose of NCAA Championships. NCAA championships are intended to provide national-level competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions, with consideration also for approved regional structures for certain championships.

18.01.2 Postseason Competition Not Sponsored by a Collegiate Entity. Competition by member institutions in postseason contests that are not sponsored, promoted, managed and controlled by a collegiate entity shall conform to the requirements set forth in this article and all other applicable legislation of the Association, which may include penalties for violations of these requirements by sponsoring agencies.

18.01.3 Championships Access. [♦] Members are guaranteed access to national championships (including the play-in structure in certain championships, sizes of championship fields and the number and ratio of automatic qualifying conferences) at least at the level provided as of August 1, 2014. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/18/15, 1/20/22)*

18.01.4 Championships -- Sports Other Than Football. [♦] With the exception of football, not more than one national championship shall be conducted in each men's and women's sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

18.02 Definitions and Applications.

18.02.1 Championships.

18.02.1.1 National Collegiate Championship. A national collegiate championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions to determine the NCAA champion in that sport for all divisions that do not have a separate division championship in that sport. A national collegiate championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4.

18.02.1.2 Division Championship. A division championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes or teams of active member institutions to determine the division champion in that sport. A division championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4.

18.02.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes (see Bylaw 18.2.8.3). *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

18.02.3 Open Date. An open date is a regular weekend playing date prior to the end of an institution's regular football schedule on which an institution is not playing a game, or a date approved by the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to enable an institution to assist financially in meeting an unforeseen hardship situation resulting directly from the institution's intercollegiate athletics activities. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

18.02.4 Postseason Football Bowl Game. [FBS/FCS] A postseason football bowl game is a football contest conducted after the regular football season and involving two teams selected because of their regular-season performance (e.g., won-lost record, conference championship). Participation in such events by member institutions is limited to those bowl games that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. *(Revised: 2/1/05, 7/30/10, 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12)*

18.02.5 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse. *(Adopted: 4/25/18)*

18.1 Regulations and Authority for Conduct of Championships. All NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with this bylaw and the policies and procedures established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee, which shall establish and revise the policies and procedures governing the administration of NCAA championships, including selection processes, formats and distribution of revenues to participating institutions. NCAA championships shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed in Bylaw 31. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 8/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/4/17)*

18.2 Criteria for Establishment or Continuation of Championships. The establishment or continuation of an NCAA championship in a given sport shall be determined on the basis of the requirements in the following bylaws, with sponsorship of a sport based on the Association's records as of September 30 each year.

18.2.1 National Collegiate Championship. A National Collegiate Championship for which any active member in good standing is eligible (per Bylaw 20.9) may be established by action of all three divisions acting through each division's governance structure, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.2 Division Championship. A Division I championship in a particular sport may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.3 Championships Existing During 1993-94. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship that existed during the 1993-94 academic year may be continued if at least 40 member institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.3.1 National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a division championship exist in the same sport, sponsorship of the sport in the division in which the division championship is conducted shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.4 Minimum Sponsorship for Championships.

18.2.4.1 Men's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/17/09)*

18.2.4.2 Women's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09)*

18.2.4.3 Sponsorship Criteria.

18.2.4.3.1 Minimum Period. In men's sports, the applicable minimum sponsorship number must exist for two consecutive academic years in order for a championship to be established. Legislation to establish the championship may be proposed during the second year in which the minimum sponsorship number exists. In women's sports, the applicable minimum sponsorship number must exist for one academic year in order for a championship to be established. Legislation to establish the championship may be proposed during the year in which the minimum sponsorship number exists. Varsity sports sponsored prior to August 1, 1994, shall count toward the minimum year sponsorship requirement. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00)*

18.2.4.3.2 National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a division championship exist in the same sport, sponsorship of the sport in the division in which the division championship is conducted shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.5 Establishment of Single Championship in Sport. If only one championship is established or continued in accordance with Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, it shall be a National Collegiate Championship for which any active member institution in good standing can be eligible.

18.2.6 Establishment of Three Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and two division championships exist in the same sport, the National Collegiate Championship automatically shall become a division championship for the remaining division that does not sponsor a division championship in that sport.

18.2.7 Establishment of Two Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and one division championship exist in the same sport, only the members of the division sponsoring the division championship may participate in the division championship, and that division's membership may not participate in the National Collegiate Championship in that sport.

18.2.8 Determination of Sponsorship Requirements.

18.2.8.1 Single-Gender Athletics Programs. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for men shall not be included in making calculations concerning men's championships, and member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for women shall not be included in making calculations concerning women's championships.

18.2.8.2 Separate Men's and Women's Teams, Same Sport. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4 for a combined men's and women's championship, separate varsity intercollegiate men's and women's teams in the same sport at a member institution shall be counted separately.

18.2.8.3 Mixed Team. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, a mixed team (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.2) shall be counted as one team. A mixed team shall count toward the minimum sponsorship percentage for men's championships.

18.2.9 Subdivision Requirements. If a division subdivides for the administration of a sport, resulting in less than the applicable minimum number of the division's active members sponsoring the sport on a varsity intercollegiate basis in that subdivision, the subdivision shall meet the requirement within three years of the date the subdivision was created. It may establish and conduct a championship in the interim. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.10 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements. A championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaw 18.2.3 or 18.2.4. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

18.2.10.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship-percentage requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

18.2.10.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship in men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship-percentage requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in men's lacrosse. *(Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00)*

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers 90 national championships. Eleven are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. The current championships are as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 4/27/00, 4/26/01, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15)*

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (11). [#] *(Adopted: 4/27/00, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 7/31/15)*

Men (3)	Men and Women (3)	Women (5)
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo

18.3.2 Division I Championships (26). *(Revised: 1/9/96, 4/27/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 12/15/06)*

Men (13)	Women (13)
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf
Golf	Lacrosse
Ice Hockey	Rowing
Lacrosse	Soccer
Soccer	Softball
Swimming and Diving	Swimming and Diving
Tennis	Tennis
Indoor Track and Field	Indoor Track and Field
Outdoor Track and Field	Outdoor Track and Field
Wrestling	Volleyball

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

18.4.1 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships, a student-athlete shall meet all applicable individual-eligibility requirements set forth in NCAA legislation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaws 12 and 14.

18.4.1.1 Institution's Responsibility. The responsibility of an institution to withhold from all intercollegiate competition a student-athlete who is ineligible under any NCAA legislation is set forth in Bylaw 12.11.1.

18.4.1.2 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Authority. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have initial authority to determine all matters pertaining to the eligibility of student-athletes competing in the various NCAA championships and to act upon all appeals concerning the eligibility of student-athletes submitted by member institutions (see Bylaw 12.12).

18.4.1.3 Protest of Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete has been certified by the institution as eligible to compete in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete's eligibility is protested, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall not rule on such a protest received during the period beginning 24 hours before the event and ending with the conclusion of the event. (See Bylaw 31.2.2.2 regarding protests received during a break in the continuity of a championship.)

18.4.1.4 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 4/22/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 6/10/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

18.4.1.4.1 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids or Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be subject to the following: (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 11/1/07, 4/10/14, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14 for tests occurring on or after 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 1/17/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16 for all drug tests administered on or after 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19*)

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until the student-athlete has been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if the student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements;
- (b) A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which the student-athlete did not use a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which the student-athlete used a season of competition shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless the student-athlete uses a season of competition in the academic year immediately after the positive test; and
- (c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 365 consecutive days after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.1.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, the student-athlete shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the student-athlete shall engage, with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed and facilitated by the institution. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed

penalty is fulfilled and the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. *(Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.2 Penalty -- Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program. *(Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 11/18/16, 4/14/17, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive a second time for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.1. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.3. *(Adopted: 6/10/16, Revised: 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 4/19/19, 8/5/19, 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.3 Penalty -- Cannabinoids. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall engage, with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed or facilitated by the institution. *(Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.3.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed or facilitated by the institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics or tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, the student-athlete shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.4.1 or 18.4.1.4.2, respectively. *(Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.3.1.1 Failure to Attest. If an institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition during 25 percent of a season in all sports (25 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). *(Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.3.2 Additional Positive Tests. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a third time or more for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's second or subsequent positive test, as specified by the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions) as developed or facilitated by the institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior. *(Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.3.2.1 Failure to Attest. If the institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (50 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17

maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). *(Adopted: 5/18/22 effective 8/1/22 for penalties served 8/1/22 or later)*

18.4.1.4.4 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no-show) shall be considered to have tested positive for use of any drug in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 11/18/16, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.4.1 Tampering with Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug-test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following: *(Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/19/12, 10/30/14, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 10/3/18, 4/19/19)*

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until the student-athlete has been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if the student-athlete meets all other eligibility requirements;
- (b) A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which the student-athlete did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which the student-athlete used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two additional seasons of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years. If the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years, the student-athlete will only be charged one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the seasons used); and
- (c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 730 consecutive days after the student-athlete was involved in tampering and until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.5 Transfers. If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the student-athlete's new institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility: *(Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14, 5/29/15, 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 4/19/19)*

- (a) The student-athlete remains ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in intercollegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty (the total number of prescribed contests or dates of competition) while enrolled and otherwise eligible for competition at an NCAA institution;
- (b) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for the applicable consecutive-day period (365 or 730) after the student-athlete's final non-NCAA competition; and
- (c) The student-athlete remains ineligible until the student-athlete tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.6 Appeals. An institution may appeal a drug-testing penalty to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee), as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/29/15 effective 8/1/16, 6/10/16, 4/15/21)*

18.4.1.4.7 Banned Drug Classes. NCAA banned drug classes are the same as those included in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited substances, except for glucocorticoids. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) may identify specific banned drugs and exceptions within each banned drug class. An institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have been specifically identified. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.7.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions. The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these provisions and/or quantities of these substances used: *(Revised: 8/15/89, 12/9/91, 5/4/92, 6/17/92, 8/13/93, 7/22/97, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) **Blood Doping.** The practice of blood doping (the intravenous injection of whole blood, packed red blood cells or blood substitutes) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.
- (b) **Gene Doping.** The practice of gene doping (the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetics elements or of the modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to improve athletic performance) is prohibited, and any evidence confirming use will be cause for action consistent with that taken for a positive drug test.
- (c) **Local Anesthetics.** The Board of Governors will permit the limited use of local anesthetics under the following conditions:
 - (1) That procaine, xylocaine, carboncaine or any other local anesthetic may be used, but not cocaine;
 - (2) That only local or topical injections can be used (intravenous injections are not permitted); and
 - (3) That use is medically justified only when permitting the student-athlete to continue the competition without potential risk to the student-athlete's health.
- (d) **Manipulation of Urine Samples.** The Board of Governors bans the use of substances and methods (e.g., diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, epitestosterone) that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing.
- (e) **Beta 2 Agonists.** The use of beta 2 agonists is permitted by inhalation only.
- (f) **Additional Analysis.** Drug screening for select nonbanned substances may be conducted for nonpunitive purposes.

18.4.1.4.8 Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test. The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing any student-athlete who has disclosed in the student-athlete statement (see Bylaw 12.7.2.1) a positive drug test administered by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the WADA code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14, 6/19/17)*

18.4.1.4.9 Medical Exceptions. Exceptions to the prohibition on use of any substance in a banned-drug class may be provided to a student-athlete, as specified in the policies and procedures of the of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.. *(Revised: 8/5/99, 9/26/06, 10/27/06 effective 8/1/07, 2/5/09, 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/19/22)*

18.4.1.4.10 Methods for Drug Testing. The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. The methods and any later modifications authorized by the Board of Governors for drug testing of student-athletes shall be summarized and posted on the NCAA website. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.11 Events Identified for Drug Tests. The Board of Governors shall determine the regular-season and postseason competition for which drug tests shall be made and the procedures to be followed in disclosing its determinations. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.1.4.12 Individual Eligibility – Team Sanctions. Regulations pertaining to team-eligibility sanctions for positive tests resulting from the NCAA drug-testing program shall apply only in the following situation: If a student-athlete is declared ineligible prior to an NCAA team championship or a postseason football game and the institution knowingly allows the student-athlete to participate, all team-ineligibility sanctions shall apply (the team shall be required to forfeit its awards and any revenue distribution it may have earned, and the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2 Institutional Eligibility.

18.4.2.1 General Institutional Requirements. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition: *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 1/23/19, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The institution shall be an active member in good standing in the appropriate division, or have its sport so classified, and be eligible under the rules of the member conference of which it is a member;
- (b) The institution shall have paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.2;
- (c) The institution shall designate (in accordance with Bylaw 20) its athletics program as Division I for competition and possible eligibility for championships in those intercollegiate sports recognized by the NCAA;

- (d) The institution's president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, to an understanding of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by the NCAA constitution (Principle of Institutional Control; Rules, Compliance and Accountability);
- (e) The institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, the institution's compliance with Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1;
- (f) The institution shall have confirmed annually its sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport by so reporting on the NCAA official information form;
- (g) The institution shall have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process;
- (h) The institution shall have submitted its financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA through the official submission process (see Bylaw 20.2.4.17); and
- (i) The institution shall refrain from entering a student-athlete as an individual or as a member of a team in an NCAA championship if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process that the institution or representatives of its athletics interests violated NCAA regulations in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 12.12).

18.4.2.1.1 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The institution's director of athletics shall certify that the following conditions have been satisfied. (See Bylaw 20.2.4.16.) (*Revised: 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 7/30/10, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19*)

18.4.2.1.1.1 NCAA Rules Review. The director of athletics or a designated representative has reviewed with all athletics department staff members the rules and regulations of the NCAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of intercollegiate athletics. (*Revised: 3/7/06, 7/29/10, 8/7/18 effective 7/31/19, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19*)

18.4.2.1.1.2 Attestation of Compliance Obligations. The director of athletics has attested, annually by October 15, to an understanding of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by the NCAA constitution (Principle of Institutional Control; Rules, Compliance and Accountability) and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by the NCAA constitution. (*Adopted: 8/7/18 effective 7/31/19, Revised: 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19*)

18.4.2.1.1.3 Coaching Staff Disciplinary Actions. At the time of such certification, and as a result of involvement in a violation of the Association's legislation as determined by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or the Infractions Appeals Committee, no current member of the institution's coaching staff: (*Revised: 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18*)

- (a) Shall have been temporarily or permanently suspended from coaching duties by another member institution within the last two years;
- (b) Shall have been prohibited within the last two years, as a result of violations occurring while employed by another member institution, from participating in identified coaching-related activities, unless the prohibition has been equally applied by the certifying institution with respect to the individual's coaching-related activities on its behalf; or
- (c) Shall have been permitted within the last two years to perform any coaching-related activities for the certifying institution that were prohibited after determination by the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel of an "appropriate disciplinary action" for the individual in accordance with the show-cause provision of Bylaw 19.9.9.

18.4.2.1.1.3.1 Period of Suspension or Prohibition. The period of suspension or prohibition established by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or the Infractions Appeals Committee must be in effect for the provisions set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1.3 to apply. (*Revised: 7/30/10, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18*)

18.4.2.1.1.3.2 Due-Process Requirement. The affected coaching staff member must be given through the appropriate institution notice of an opportunity to be heard at both the NCAA hearing resulting in the finding of involvement in the violation and the institutional hearing resulting in suspension or prohibition. (*Revised: 7/30/10*)

18.4.2.1.1.4 Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of its athletics interests are in compliance at the present

time with the Association's legislation insofar as the director of athletics can determine. *(Revised: 3/7/06, 7/29/10, 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19)*

18.4.2.1.1.5 Additional Requirements. An institution shall specifically affirm the following: *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

- (a) It has published its regular entrance requirements, including any special-admission opportunities;
- (b) It has published its requirements for progress toward a degree, in accordance with membership obligations set forth in Bylaw 20.2; and
- (c) Each student-athlete who represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics competition during the academic year has been certified to be in good academic standing and maintaining progress toward a degree as set forth in Bylaw 14.

18.4.2.1.2 Additional Requirements. Other requirements for institutional eligibility for championships are set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.

18.4.2.2 Championships – Eligibility. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution also shall: *(Revised: 1/10/90 for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure, 10/28/97, 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 6/19/17)*

- (a) Limit its athletically related grant-in-aid awards and eligibility for participation in practice or competition to student-athletes who meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Freshman eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1 and 14.3.2; and
 - (2) Transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1 and 14.5.4.2 (for transfer from a two-year college) or in Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (for transfer from a four-year college);
- (b) Have operated for a period of two years in conformity with the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a) at the time it certifies conformance;
- (c) Report annually to the NCAA, through the president or chancellor, the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaws 18.4.2.2.1, 18.4.2.2.2 and 18.4.2.2.3. The data shall be received in the national office not later than March 1. Any data received after that date shall appear on a form postmarked not later than February 22;
- (d) In championship subdivision football, have complied with the minimum scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaw 20 for a period of two years; and
- (e) In indoor and outdoor track and field, have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

18.4.2.2.1 Admissions and Graduation-Rate Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or an individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted federal graduation rate and enrollment data to the NCAA national office on or before the applicable deadline. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/6/91 for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure, 4/15/92, 1/14/97, 10/28/97, 8/11/98, 1/12/04, 7/30/10, 6/19/17)*

18.4.2.2.2 Academic Progress Rate and Academic Performance Census – Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) in a form approved and administered by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board. *(Adopted: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/30/10)*

18.4.2.2.3 Graduation Success Rate – Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its Graduation Success Rate (GSR) in a form approved and administered by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/30/10)*

18.4.2.2.4 Division II or Division III Institution Petitioning for Division I Classification. A Division II or Division III institution petitioning for Division I institutional membership or eligibility in a sport (in accordance with Bylaw 20) shall have operated in conformity with the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a) for a period of two years preceding the effective date of its Division I membership or be ineligible for Division I championships.

18.4.2.3 Academic Performance Program. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that require an institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to be ineligible for postseason competition, including, but not limited to, NCAA championships and bowl games. The Committee on

Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances. (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11 for penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 8/7/14*)

18.4.2.3.1 Appeal Opportunity. An institution may appeal such postseason competition restrictions to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (See Bylaw 23.3.) (*Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11 for penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 8/7/14*)

18.5 Automatic Qualification by Conference.

18.5.1 Division I Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification into any Division I championship, a conference shall: (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

- (a) Have at least six member institutions classified in Division I in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought; and
- (b) Meet all requirements for conference automatic qualification into a Division I championship as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.

18.5.2 National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship, a conference shall: (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

- (a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division;
- (b) Meet all applicable requirements for conference automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.

18.5.3 Men's Basketball Eligibility Requirements. For automatic qualification in men's basketball, a conference shall meet the following additional requirements: (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

- (a) It shall determine a conference champion in at least six men's sports [at least two of which must be team sports as set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.1-(a)]; and in each of these six sports, at least six of the conference's member institutions shall sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level; and
- (b) It shall conduct double round-robin, in-season conference competition, or a minimum of 14 conference games, before declaring its champion in basketball.

18.6 Playing Rules for Championships. In sports in which the Association maintains rules committees, the rules adopted by said committees shall govern the conduct of all NCAA-sponsored events in those sports. In those sports in which the Association does not maintain rules committees, the rules to be used are specified in Bylaw 31.1.6.

18.7 Postseason Football. [FBS/FCS]

18.7.1 Permissible Football Games. [FBS/FCS] The only football games in which a member institution may compete are: (*Revised: 2/1/05, 12/15/06, 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12, Adopted: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14*)

- (a) Games scheduled as to the identity of a participating college before the beginning of the regular football season of the institution for any academic year, including not only games for which the identity of one participating college is known, but also one for which the institution's opponent is not known at the time of scheduling;
- (b) Any football game scheduled between two colleges [which is to be played on a common and regular open date (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.3) of their regular football seasons, on the campus or in the regular playing stadium of either team], even if it is scheduled after the beginning of either participant's football season;
- (c) Games that are part of the NCAA championship;
- (d) Games that are part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships;
- (e) A conference championship game on an open date during the traditional fall season, provided the game is played (as opposed to scheduled) the week prior to the first round of an NCAA football championship date and provided the game is listed on the schedules of all conference members; and
- (f) Postseason bowl games that meet all requirements and conditions set forth in Bylaw 18.7.2 and the NCAA postseason football handbook; and
- (g) One postseason game between the winners of two exempted postseason bowl games per Bylaw 17.11.6.2.1-(d). The participants in the two postseason bowl games shall be selected by Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and independent institutions.

18.7.2 Postseason Bowl Games. [FBS/FCS] The conditions and requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in the NCAA postseason football handbook. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 2/1/05, 12/15/06, 7/30/10, 4/28/11, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12*)

18.7.2.1 Contest Status. [FBS] A contest shall serve the purpose of providing a national contest between deserving teams. A "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses. Tie games do not count in determining a team's won-lost record. Further, if forfeiture of a regular-season football victory is required by the Committee on Infractions, Independent Resolution Panel or a conference, or is self-imposed by an institution as a result of a violation of NCAA rules, neither of the competing institutions may count that contest in satisfying the definition of a "deserving team." (*Revised: 10/18/89, 10/12/93, 4/20/99, 12/15/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18*)

18.7.2.1.1 Exception -- Football Championship Subdivision Opponent. Each year, a Football Bowl Subdivision institution may count one victory against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team," provided the opponent has averaged 80 percent of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football during a rolling two-year period. (*Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/28/05, 12/15/06, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10, 5/18/22*)

18.7.2.1.2 Exception -- Deserving Team That Loses Conference Championship Game. [FBS] An institution that finishes its regular season having met the definition of a "deserving team" but loses its conference championship game shall continue to be considered a deserving team. (*Adopted: 5/2/13*)

18.7.2.1.3 Exception -- Insufficient Number of Eligible Institutions. [FBS] If an insufficient number of institutions meet the definition of a deserving team pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 to participate in postseason bowl games in a particular year, an institution that meets a condition set forth below shall be eligible to participate as an alternate in such a bowl game. All deserving teams must be selected before an alternate may be selected. The terms of participation in the bowl game shall be the same for the alternate as the terms that were applicable to the originally contracted conference participant. All institutions that meet the first condition below must be selected before an institution that meets the second condition may be selected and so forth in descending order: (*Adopted: 5/18/22*)

- (a) An institution that would have met the requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1 but for the fact that one victory was against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent that had not met the required average of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football during a rolling two-year period and the institution's waiver request was denied.
- (b) An institution that participated in 13 regular-season contests and finished the season with a record of six wins that count toward meeting the definition of a deserving team and seven losses.
- (c) An institution that is in its final year of reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision and meets the definition of a deserving team pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 or the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.
- (d) An institution that finished its season with a minimum of five wins that count toward meeting the definition of a deserving team and a maximum of seven losses but achieved a multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) that permits postseason participation. Alternates identified pursuant to this condition shall be identified as eligible in descending order based on the institutions' multiyear Academic Progress Rates.
 - (1) If multiple institutions achieved the same multiyear rate, the institution with the highest single-year Academic Progress Rate, beginning with the most recent reporting year and continuing until a higher rate is found, shall be identified as eligible first. An institution that is identified as an alternate must declare whether it will participate in a bowl game. An alternate institution that declares an intention to participate shall select an available bowl game in which to participate.
 - (2) If an institution is unable to participate in a bowl game after accepting a bid, the bowl entity shall select an alternate from among the remaining Football Bowl Subdivision institutions with a multiyear Academic Progress Rate that permits postseason participation to replace the team that accepted the bid and is no longer able to participate in the bowl game.

18.7.2.2 Participation Restrictions. [FBS] The competing institutions shall be active members of this Association, and a member institution shall not participate in more than one such game during any academic year, except as permitted in Bylaw 18.7.1-(g). (*Revised: 7/30/10, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/14*)

18.7.2.3 Waivers. [FBS] The Division I Football Oversight Committee, or its designated committee, shall have the authority to waive all postseason bowl game requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Football Oversight Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers. (*Adopted: 10/4/17 effective 8/1/18*)

18.7.3 Written Report -- Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] The director of athletics of an institution that participates in a postseason championship football game or bowl game that is exempt from the maximum number of football contests per Bylaw 17.11.6.1, except for the Division I Football Championship, shall submit to the Football Oversight Committee a written report on the conduct and administration of the event, with special emphasis on game management. The report shall be submitted by the following March 1 on a form approved by the Football Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

18.7.4 Eligibility Rules. [FBS/FCS] The eligibility rules governing individual participation and drug usage shall be as demanding for participants in postseason bowl games as those governing participation in NCAA championships. To attest to the eligibility of its student-athletes (in conformity with this paragraph), each institution selected or qualified for a postseason game shall meet the certification-of-eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 12.10. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 7/30/10)*

18.7.4.1 Institutional Eligibility. [FBS/FCS] The competing institutions shall be active members of the Association, and members shall conduct their intercollegiate athletics programs in conformance with the requirements for institutional eligibility set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(a).

18.7.5 Expenses for Significant Others/Children. A competing institution may include the significant others and children of student-athletes on the traveling squad as part of its official party to attend a postseason football game and may pay their necessary travel, lodging and meal costs (see Bylaw 16.6.1.1). *(Revised: 2/1/05, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 4/25/18)*

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Infractions Program

19.01 General Principles.

19.01.1 Mission of the Infractions Program. It is the mission of the NCAA infractions program to uphold integrity and fair play among the NCAA membership, and to prescribe appropriate and fair penalties if violations occur. One of the fundamental principles of the infractions program is to ensure that those institutions and student-athletes abiding by the NCAA bylaws are not disadvantaged by their commitment to compliance. The program is committed to the fairness of procedures and the timely resolution of infractions cases. The ability to investigate allegations and penalize infractions is critical to the common interests of the Association's membership and the preservation of its enduring values. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14, 8/1/22)*

19.01.2 Accountability. The infractions program shall hold institutions, coaches, administrators and student-athletes who violate NCAA bylaws accountable for their conduct, both at the individual and institutional levels. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 8/1/22)*

19.01.3 Public Disclosure. Except as provided in this article, the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, Independent Resolution Panel, enforcement staff and Complex Case Unit shall not make public disclosures about a pending case until the case has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. An institution and any individual subject to the NCAA bylaws involved in a case, including any representative or counsel, shall not make public disclosures about the case until a final decision has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22)*

19.01.4 Penalty Structure. The infractions program shall address the varying levels of infractions and, for the most serious infractions, include guidelines for a range of penalties, which the Committee on Infractions, subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee, or the Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe. Penalties shall depend on the relative severity of the infraction(s), the presence of aggravating or mitigating factors and, in some cases, the existence of extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.01.5 Exemplary Conduct. Individuals employed by or associated with member institutions for the administration, the conduct or the coaching of intercollegiate athletics are, in the final analysis, teachers of young people. Their responsibility is an affirmative one, and they must do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their own moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by a fine example. Much more is expected of them than of the less critically placed citizen.

19.02 Definitions and Applications.

19.02.1 Involved Individual. Involved individuals are current or former institutional staff members and current or former student-athletes who have received notice of involvement in alleged violations. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.02.2 New Information. New evidence is relevant, material information that could not have reasonably been ascertained prior to the Committee on Infractions hearing. *(Adopted: 1/6/96, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)*

19.02.3 Show-Cause Order. A show-cause order is an order that requires a member institution to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel why it should not be subject to a penalty or additional penalty for not taking appropriate disciplinary or corrective action with regard to an institutional staff member or representative of the institution's athletics interests found by the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel as having been involved in a violation of the NCAA bylaws. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22)*

19.02.4 Review of Cases. Cases involving allegations of Level I or Level II violations will be presented to and decided by the Committee on Infractions unless referred to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to the standard and process for referral set forth in Bylaw 19.11.3. The select cases referred to the independent structure will be presented to and decided by the Independent Resolution Panel in accordance with Bylaw 19.11. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.1 Violation Structure.

19.1.1 Severe Breach of Conduct (Level I Violation). A severe breach of conduct is one or more violations that seriously undermine or threaten the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model, as set forth in the bylaws, including any violation that provides or is intended to provide a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage, or a substantial or

extensive impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following, in appropriate circumstances, may constitute a severe breach of conduct: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22*)

- (a) Lack of institutional control;
- (b) Academic misconduct;
- (c) Failure to cooperate in an NCAA enforcement or Complex Case Unit investigation;
- (d) Individual unethical or dishonest conduct, regardless of whether the underlying institutional violations are considered Level I;
- (e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level I violation by an individual within the sport program;
- (f) Cash payment or other benefits provided by a coach, administrator or representative of the institution's athletics interests intended to secure, or which resulted in, enrollment of a prospective student-athlete;
- (g) Third-party involvement in recruiting violations in which institutional officials knew or should have known about the involvement;
- (h) Intentional violations or reckless indifference to the NCAA bylaws; or
- (i) Collective Level II and/or Level III violations.

19.1.2 Significant Breach of Conduct (Level II Violation). A significant breach of conduct is one or more violations that provide or are intended to provide more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage; include more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit; or involve conduct that may compromise the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model as set forth in the bylaws. Among other examples, the following may constitute a significant breach of conduct: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18, 8/1/22*)

- (a) Violations that do not rise to the level of Level I violations and are more serious than Level III violations;
- (b) Failure to monitor (such violations will be presumed Level II but may be deemed to be of a Level I nature if the failure is substantial or egregious);
- (c) Systemic violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;
- (d) Multiple recruiting, financial aid, or eligibility violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;
- (e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level II violation by an individual within the sport program;
- (f) A violation of Bylaw 13.1.1.3 (Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes) as it relates to contact with a student-athlete; or
- (g) Collective Level III violations.

19.1.3 Breach of Conduct (Level III Violation). A breach of conduct is one or more violations that are isolated or limited in nature; provide no more than a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage; and provide no more than a minimal impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following may constitute a breach of conduct: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

- (a) Inadvertent violations that are isolated or limited in nature; or
- (b) Extra-benefit, financial aid, academic eligibility and recruiting violations, provided they do not create more than minimal advantages.

19.2 Expectations and Shared Responsibility.

19.2.1 Member Responsibility for Compliance. Each institution has an affirmative obligation to monitor and control its athletics programs, its representatives and its student-athletes to ensure compliance with the bylaws of the Association. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/1/22*)

19.2.2 Member Responsibility to Report Noncompliance. Each institution has an affirmative obligation to report all instances of noncompliance to the Association in a timely manner. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.2.3 Responsibility to Cooperate. Institutions, current and former institutional staff members, and prospective and enrolled student-athletes of member institutions have an affirmative obligation to cooperate fully with and assist the NCAA enforcement staff, the Complex Case Unit, the Committee on Infractions, the Independent Resolution Panel and the Infractions Appeals Committee to further the objectives of the Association and its infractions program, including the

independent accountability resolution process. Full cooperation includes, but is not limited to: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 8/8/18, 12/20/18, 1/23/19)*

- (a) Affirmatively reporting instances of noncompliance to the Association in a timely manner and assisting in developing full information to determine whether a possible violation has occurred and the details thereof;
- (b) Timely participation in interviews and providing complete and truthful responses;
- (c) Making a full and complete disclosure of relevant information, including timely production of materials or information requested, and in the format requested;
- (d) Disclosing and providing access to all electronic devices used in any way for business purposes;
- (e) Providing access to all social media, messaging and other applications that are or may be relevant to the investigation;
- (f) Preserving the integrity of an investigation and abiding by all applicable confidentiality rules and instructions; and
- (g) Instructing legal counsel and/or other representatives to also cooperate fully.

19.2.3.1 Exemplary Cooperation. Exemplary cooperation by an institution or involved individual may constitute a mitigating factor for purposes of determining a penalty for a violation. Institutions or involved individuals may demonstrate exemplary cooperation while denying some or all of the alleged violations and otherwise acting in furtherance of their independent interests. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.2.3.2 Failure to Cooperate. Failing to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate may result in an independent allegation and/or be considered an aggravating factor for purposes of determining a penalty. Institutional representatives and the involved individual may be requested to appear before a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions or the Independent Resolution Panel at the time the allegation is considered. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18)*

19.2.3.2.1 Failure or Refusal to Produce Materials. If an institution or individual fails or refuses to produce materials requested by the enforcement staff during an investigation, the hearing panel may infer that the requested materials would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 (see Bylaws 19.7.8.3.2 and 19.11.5.8.3.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.2 Failure or Refusal to Participate in Interview. If an individual fails or refuses to participate in an interview requested by the enforcement staff, and is later deemed to be an involved individual, the hearing panel may view the failure or refusal as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred (see Bylaws 19.7.8.3.3 and 19.11.5.8.3.3). *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3 Immediate Penalties for Failure to Cooperate. The Committee on Infractions and Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe immediate penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate. In cases before the Committee on Infractions, the chair of the Committee on Infractions; a hearing panel generated at the request of the chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate; the chief hearing officer of a hearing panel assigned to review the case, if appointed by the chair; or the hearing panel, if requested by the chief hearing officer, may prescribe penalties. In cases before the Independent Resolution Panel, the chief panel member or hearing panel, if requested by the chief panel member, may prescribe penalties. The Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe any penalty available under Bylaw 19.9, including when appropriate, loss of the right to participate in postseason competition and other NCAA events and loss of associated revenues. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 2/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.1 Finality of Immediate Penalties. The prescribed penalties are final and not subject to appeal. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.2 Committee on Infractions Hearing Panel Generated for Review. When practicable, members of a Committee on Infractions hearing panel generated at the request of the Committee on Infractions chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate will serve on the panel that reviews the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.3 Considerations in Review of Case. In its review of the case, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel hearing panel may consider any conclusion that an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate in accordance with Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3 in concluding whether a failure to cooperate violation pursuant to Bylaw 19.2.3 occurred. The panel may also consider any penalties prescribed in accordance with this bylaw in prescribing penalties pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 in its review of the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.2.3.4 Immediate Penalties Prescribed Before Referral. Any penalties prescribed by the Committee on Infractions in accordance with Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3 prior to referral of a case to the independent accountability resolution structure shall continue to apply after referral. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 2/1/19)*

19.2.3.3 Protection for Cooperation. An institution shall not retaliate against a current or former institutional staff member or prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who voluntarily reports information about potential violations to the individual's conference, member institution and/or the Association. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.3 Committee on Infractions.

19.3.1 Composition of Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Infractions comprised of not more than 24 members to act as hearing officers in infractions proceedings of the Association. The Board of Directors shall also appoint one member of the committee to serve as chair and another member to serve as vice chair. If at any time the chair is unavailable to act as such, the vice chair is empowered to exercise the functions of the chair. There shall be no subdivision restrictions except that all nonpublic members may not be from the same subdivision. The committee shall reflect the Association's commitment to diversity. To the extent reasonably possible, the committee shall include members from each of the following categories: *(Revised: 1/16/93, 10/27/98, 10/28/99, 1/11/00, 11/1/01, 10/31/02, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/18/18)*

- (a) Current or former college or university presidents, chancellors or other senior institutional administrators (no more than three years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of the individual's initial appointment);
- (b) Current or former directors of athletics (no more than three years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of the individual's initial appointment);
- (c) Former NCAA coaches (no more than 10 years removed from employment by a member institution or similar service at the time of the individual's initial appointment);
- (d) Representatives from conference offices;
- (e) Institutional staff or faculty, including but not limited to faculty athletics representatives [such a member who does not meet the definition of "on the staff" due to a change in employment status during a term of office may complete the individual's term (subject to discretion of the committee chair) and be eligible for reappointment];
- (f) Athletics administrators with compliance experience; and
- (g) Members of the general public with formal legal training who are not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who do not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity.

19.3.2 Temporary Substitutes. If it appears that one or more members of the committee will be unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the chair may designate a current or former member or members of the committee to participate for purposes of consideration and disposition of that case. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.3 Hearing Panels of the Committee. Unless ordered otherwise by the committee chair or to review an agreement of negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.5.12, cases involving Level I or Level II violations will be presented to and decided by hearing panels consisting of not less than five and not more than seven members of the full Committee on Infractions. When submitting the case for the committee's consideration, the parties may identify their belief that the case is suitable to be decided by a three-member panel. When appropriate based on the number and nature of allegations, the chair or vice chair may order that a panel of three members be generated. Upon notification, parties may submit their position when they believe that a three-member panel is not appropriate to review the case. The final decision of whether to consider a case with a three-member panel rests with the chair or vice chair. Decisions issued by hearing panels are made on behalf of the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/5/16, 10/31/18)*

19.3.4 Conflict of Interest. No member of a hearing panel shall participate in a case if the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or if the member has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the panel member to determine if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a panel member in a particular case should be raised as soon as recognized but will not be considered unless raised at least one week in advance of the panel's review of the case. Objections will be decided by the committee chair. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.5 Term of Office. A member shall be appointed to serve a three-year term, which shall commence on the first day of August following the member's appointment. A member may be reappointed for additional three-year terms but shall not serve more than nine years on the committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/00, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.3.6 Authority and Duties of Committee. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be prescribed by members of hearing panels of the Committee on Infractions present and voting at any duly called hearing thereof, provided the call of such a hearing shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. Actions of panels in cases involving Level I or Level II violations, however, may be subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee. The penalties prescribed by a panel are separate and apart from any penalties prescribed as part of the Academic Performance Program by the Committee on Academics. The Committee on Infractions shall: (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 8/8/18 effective 2/1/19, 1/23/19, 8/1/22*)

- (a) Find facts related to alleged bylaw violations;
- (b) Conclude whether the facts constitute one or more violations of the NCAA bylaws;
- (c) Upon concluding that one or more violations occurred, prescribe an appropriate penalty consistent with the provisions of this article;
- (d) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to implementation of the committee's decisions;
- (e) Monitor compliance with prescribed penalties. In the event an institution fails or refuses to implement prescribed penalties, a hearing panel of the committee may prescribe additional penalties, provided the institution is given the opportunity to appear before the panel and the opportunity to appeal any additional penalty;
- (f) Consider complaints alleging the failure of any member to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or the failure of any member to meet the conditions and obligations of membership in the Association;
- (g) Formulate and revise internal operating procedures and revise investigative guidelines. Committee amendments to the procedures and guidelines shall be effective immediately and subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors;
- (h) Review negotiated resolutions (see Bylaw 19.5.12);
- (i) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate (see Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3);
- (j) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the committee's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases; and
- (k) Carry out such other duties directly related to the administration of the Association's infractions program.

19.3.7 Duties of Committee Chair. The duties of the committee chair (or a designee) shall be as follows: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17*)

- (a) Schedule and preside over two meetings of the full committee annually. In the interim between meetings of the full committee, the chair shall act on behalf of the committee, subject to committee ratification at its next meeting;
- (b) For each hearing panel, appoint a chief hearing officer to preside over cases assigned to the panel. The chief hearing officer will generally be the panel member with the greatest length of service on the Committee on Infractions.
- (c) At the request of the enforcement staff, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a current or former institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics based on information that the individual reports in situations in which the individual would otherwise be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.9.5.4 and 19.9.8-(i). Such immunity shall not apply to the employee's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the employee or to any action taken by an institution;
- (d) At the request of the enforcement staff, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete in situations in which the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete might otherwise be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on information reported to the enforcement staff by the individual or a third party associated with the individual. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any action taken by an institution;
- (e) In Level I and Level II cases, consider and decide requests by an institution or involved individual for an accelerated hearing;
- (f) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support;
- (g) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions regarding hearing panel assignments, committee meetings and training activities;
- (h) Prescribe or generate a hearing panel to prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate as authorized in Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3;

- (i) Request that the Infractions Referral Committee refer a case to the independent accountability resolution structure and respond to referral requests by the involved institution or vice president of enforcement (or a designee) as authorized in Bylaws 19.11.3.2.1 and 19.11.3.2.2; and
- (j) Resolve or appoint another committee member to resolve preliminary procedural or other matters which may arise prior to the infractions hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.7.6.

19.3.8 Duties of the Chief Hearing Officer. The duties of the chief hearing officer shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Consider and decide scheduling requests and extensions of time regarding hearing-related deadlines;
- (b) For each hearing panel, appoint an individual responsible for conducting the press conference when the panel's decision is released;
- (c) For each case set for hearing and in consultation with the committee chair, designate a panel member or other member of the committee to serve as the committee appeals advocate for any appeal from the decision of the panel;
- (d) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to hearings to which the chief hearing officer is assigned;
- (e) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate as authorized in Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3; and
- (f) Resolve or appoint another panel member to resolve preliminary procedural or other matters that may arise prior to the infractions hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.7.6.

19.4 Infractions Appeals Committee.

19.4.1 Composition of Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Infractions Appeals Committee to act as appellate hearing officers for appeals from decisions involving Level I or Level II violations by the Committee on Infractions. The committee shall be comprised of seven members. At least two members shall be from the general public and shall not be connected with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization, or represent coaches or athletes in any capacity. The remaining members shall presently or previously be on the staff of an active member institution or member conference, but shall not serve presently on the Board of Directors. There shall be no subdivision restrictions except that all nonpublic members may not be from the same subdivision. The committee shall reflect the Association's commitment to diversity. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 10/27/98, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/22/20)*

19.4.2 Temporary Substitutes. If it appears that one or more of the committee members will be unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the chair may designate a former member or members of the committee to rejoin the committee for purposes of consideration and disposition of that case. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/28/11, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.3 Conflict of Interest. No member of the Infractions Appeals Committee shall participate in a case if the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the committee member to determine if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a committee member in a particular case should be raised as soon as recognized, but will not be considered unless raised at least one week in advance of the committee's review of the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.4 Term of Office. A member shall serve a three-year term, which shall commence on the first day of September following the member's appointment. A member may be reappointed for additional terms but shall not serve more than nine years on the committee. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.4.5 Authority of Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19, 8/1/22)*

- (a) Consider appeals from decisions of a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions involving Level I or Level II violations;
- (b) Affirm, reverse, or vacate and/or remand the panel's findings, conclusions, penalties, corrective actions, requirements, and/or other conditions and obligations of membership prescribed for violations of the NCAA bylaws;
- (c) Formulate and revise its operating procedures. Committee amendments to the procedures shall be effective immediately and subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors. The procedures shall include guidance on the conduct of appeal hearings; and
- (d) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the committee's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases.

19.5 Enforcement Staff Review and Investigation of Alleged Violations.

19.5.1 Enforcement Staff to Receive Information and Conduct Investigations. Information regarding an alleged failure to comply with the NCAA bylaws or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership shall be provided to the enforcement staff. The enforcement staff shall determine whether an investigation is warranted or whether the matter may be resolved without a formal investigation. If an investigation is warranted, the enforcement staff shall conduct an investigation on behalf of the entire membership to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The enforcement staff will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the institution in stopping an ongoing violation. However, to protect the integrity of the investigation, the staff may not, in all instances, share information with the institution. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.5.1.1 Conflict of Interest. Any enforcement staff member who has or had a personal relationship or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality should refrain from participating in the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.1.2 Initial Determination. The staff shall have the discretion to submit information to the chair of the Committee on Infractions for an initial determination of how that information should be processed. In such cases, the chair shall not be appointed to the hearing panel, if any, later assigned to the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.2 Public Announcements. The enforcement staff shall not publicly confirm or deny the existence of an infractions case before complete resolution of the case pursuant to this article. However, if information concerning a case is made public, the institution, enforcement staff and the involved individual may confirm, correct or deny the information made public. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.3 Notice of Inquiry to Institution. Before the enforcement staff conducts an inquiry with an enrolled student-athlete or current institutional staff member, the enforcement staff shall notify the institution's president or chancellor (or a designee) of the inquiry, either orally or in writing. This notice shall toll the statute of limitations. The institution shall be informed of its obligation to cooperate and of the confidential nature of the inquiry. The institution shall be notified that if the inquiry develops reliable information of a possible Level I or Level II violation, a notice of allegations will be produced. In the alternative, the institution will be notified that the matter may be processed as a Level III violation or that the matter has been concluded. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17, 10/15/21)*

19.5.4 Representation by Legal Counsel. When an enforcement staff member conducts an interview, the individual questioned may be represented by personal legal counsel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.5.5 Interview Notices.

19.5.5.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. If an enforcement staff member requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being questioned, that individual shall be advised that the purpose of the interview is to determine whether the individual has knowledge of or has been involved directly or indirectly in any violation of the NCAA bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.5.5.2 Responsibility to Provide Truthful Information. At the beginning of an interview involving the enforcement staff, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional employee shall be advised that refusing to furnish information or providing false or misleading information to the NCAA, conference or institution may result in an allegation that the individual has violated NCAA ethical-conduct bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 5/12/17)*

19.5.6 Interviews with Member Institution. The director of athletics or other appropriate official of an institution shall be contacted by the enforcement staff in order to schedule interviews with enrolled student-athletes or coaching or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities who are believed to have knowledge of possible violations. Interviews should be conducted without disrupting normally scheduled academic activities whenever reasonably possible. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/15/21)*

19.5.6.1 Presence of Institutional Representative During Interview. An institutional representative (as designated by the institution) may be present during an interview with an enrolled student-athlete or current athletics department staff member, provided the subject matter to be discussed in the interview relates directly to the individual's institution or could affect the individual's eligibility or employment at the institution. If the enforcement staff wishes to discuss information with a student-athlete or staff member that is related solely to institutions other than the one in which the student-athlete is enrolled or the staff member is employed, and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment at that institution, the institution may designate a representative to be present during the interview, provided the representative is someone who would not compromise the integrity of the investigation and whose participation would not prejudice the subject institution or any involved individual. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 10/5/16, 10/15/21)*

19.5.7 Use of Court Reporters. Institutional representatives or individuals being interviewed may use a court reporter to transcribe an interview subject to the following conditions. The institution or individual shall: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Pay the court reporter's fees;
- (b) Provide a copy of the transcript to the enforcement staff at no charge; and
- (c) Agree that the confidentiality standards of Bylaw 19.5.8 apply. An institutional representative or individual who chooses to use a court reporter shall submit a written notice of agreement with the required conditions to the enforcement staff prior to the interview.
- (d) If the enforcement staff chooses to use a court reporter, the NCAA will pay all costs of the reporter. A copy of the transcript prepared by the court reporter for the enforcement staff shall be made available to the institution and the involved individuals through the secure website.

19.5.8 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recordings or interview transcripts to a third party. A statement of confidentiality shall be signed or recorded prior to an interview. Failure to enter into such an agreement precludes the individual or institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.9 Access to Information. For all cases to be considered by the Committee on Infractions, the enforcement staff shall make available to the institution and participating involved individuals recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts, and other factual information pertinent to the case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information through a secure website or at the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.5.10 Termination of Investigation. The enforcement staff shall terminate the investigation related to any notice of inquiry in which the information that is developed does not appear to be of sufficient substance or reliability to warrant a notice of allegations or Level III allegations. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.11 Statute of Limitations. Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is provided to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) Allegations involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete;
- (b) Allegations in a case in which information is developed to indicate a pattern of willful violations on the part of the institution or individual involved, which began before but continued into the four-year period; and
- (c) Allegations that indicate a blatant disregard for the Association's fundamental recruiting, extra benefit, academic or ethical-conduct bylaws or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the enforcement staff shall have an 18-month period after the date information concerning the matter becomes available to the NCAA to investigate and submit to the institution a notice of allegations concerning the matter.

19.5.12 Negotiated Resolution. At any time from the beginning of the enforcement staff investigation until hearing panel review of a summary disposition report pursuant to Bylaw 19.6.4 or an infractions hearing held pursuant to Bylaw 19.7.7, the enforcement staff may negotiate a resolution with an institution or involved individual about alleged violations and proposed penalties. The negotiated resolution is subject to approval by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions and must resolve all known violations for which the party or parties included in the negotiated resolution may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.5.12.1 Written Agreement.

19.5.12.1.1 All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If all parties participating in the case agree on a resolution of the case, they shall submit the written agreement of negotiated resolution to the chair of the Committee on Infractions or the chief hearing officer, if assigned, for hearing panel review and approval. The enforcement staff shall include the violations by and penalties related to any party not participating in the case in the written agreement. A hearing panel of three Committee on Infractions members shall review the negotiated resolution if the parties submit the written agreement prior to issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.1.2 Not All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If some, but not all, parties participating in the case agree on resolution of the case, the enforcement staff shall include the written agreement of negotiated resolution in the summary disposition report or notice of allegations submitted in connection with parties who are not included in the negotiated resolution, or amended summary disposition report or notice of allegations if the agreement is reached after issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 10/31/18)*

19.5.12.1.3 Elements of Written Agreement. Any written agreement of a negotiated resolution shall contain the following: (*Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18*)

- (a) A brief description of the case, including the involvement of the parties included in the negotiated resolution;
- (b) The agreed-upon violation(s);
- (c) Other violations the enforcement staff considered and agreed or opted not to allege;
- (d) The agreed-upon level of agreed-upon violation(s);
- (e) The agreed-upon penalties, including all aggravating and mitigating factors;
- (f) The nature of any participation or cooperation provided by a party pursuant to the negotiated resolution, and consequences for a party's failure or refusal to strictly adhere to the agreed-upon participation and cooperation conditions;
- (g) Waiver of appellate opportunities; and
- (h) Other material terms of the agreement.

19.5.12.2 Scope of Review. A hearing panel shall only reject a negotiated resolution if it is not in the best interests of the Association or the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. (*Adopted: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.3 Preliminary Assessment of Penalties. Prior to submission of a written agreement of negotiated resolution, parties included in the negotiated resolution may request a hearing panel of three Committee on Infractions members to preliminarily assess whether the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. The preliminary assessment is not binding. (*Adopted: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.3.1 Review By Hearing Panel After Preliminary Assessment. If practicable, the members of the panel that preliminarily assessed penalties will review the negotiated resolution when the written agreement is submitted prior to issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations, or serve as part of the hearing panel, which may differ in size, that reviews the written agreement after issuance of the summary disposition report or notice of allegations. (*Adopted: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.4 Negotiated Resolution Approved. If the hearing panel approves the negotiated resolution, the panel shall forward the approval to the enforcement staff and the other parties, and publicly announce the resolution of the case. The approval shall be final and have no precedential value. (*Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.4.1 Approval When Not All Participating Parties Agree on Resolution. If some, but not all parties participating in the case agree on resolution of the case, the hearing panel shall not approve the negotiated resolution until the panel resolves the remainder of the case. (*Adopted: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.4.2 Approval in Conjunction with Preliminary Assessment. If all parties participating in the case request a preliminary assessment of penalties in accordance with Bylaw 19.5.12.3 and the parties submit all required elements of an agreement of negotiated resolution set forth in Bylaw 19.5.12.1.3, the hearing panel may approve the negotiated resolution in conjunction with its preliminary assessment unless the parties instruct otherwise in their request for preliminary assessment. (*Adopted: 1/23/19*)

19.5.12.5 Negotiated Resolution Not Approved. If the hearing panel does not approve the negotiated resolution, the panel may return the negotiated resolution to the parties included in the negotiated resolution for additional information or clarification or to respond to issues identified by the panel that preclude approval of the negotiated resolution, and request that the parties submit an amended written agreement of negotiated resolution in response. In the alternative, the panel may reject the negotiated resolution and issue instructions for processing of the case pursuant to Bylaw 19.6 or Bylaw 19.7. (*Adopted: 8/8/18, Revised: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.5.1 Continued Review by Hearing Panel After Rejection of Negotiated Resolution. If practicable, the members of the panel that rejected the negotiated resolution submitted prior to issuance of a summary disposition report or notice of allegations will serve on the hearing panel, which may differ in size, when the case proceeds to summary disposition or hearing. (*Adopted: 10/31/18*)

19.5.12.6 Case Referred to Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers the case to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to Bylaw 19.11.3 after some or all parties agree on resolution of the case, the Independent Resolution Panel shall not have the authority to approve the written agreement of negotiated resolution. The information contained in the written agreement, however, shall be part of the record in the referred case and the Independent Resolution Panel may consider the information in its review of the case. (*Adopted: 10/31/18, Revised: 12/20/18*)

19.6 Summary Disposition Process Before the Committee on Infractions.

19.6.1 Summary Disposition Election. In a case before the Committee on Infractions involving Level I or Level II violations, the institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff may elect to use the summary disposition procedures specified below. To invoke the summary disposition procedures, the enforcement staff, involved individuals, if participating, and the institution must agree to summary disposition. The institution, an involved individual or the enforcement staff may require, as a condition of agreement, that the parties jointly submit the proposed findings of fact to the chair of the Committee on Infractions (or a designee) for a preliminary assessment of the appropriateness of the use of the summary disposition process. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.6.2 Written Report. The institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff shall submit a written report setting forth: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 8/1/22)*

- (a) The proposed findings of fact;
- (b) A summary of information on which the proposed findings of fact are based;
- (c) A statement identifying the violation(s) of the NCAA bylaws;
- (d) The parties' agreement on the overall level of the case;
- (e) A stipulation by the enforcement staff that the investigation, if conducted by the institution, was complete and thorough and that the institution cooperated fully in the process;
- (f) A statement of unresolved issues;
- (g) A list of any agreed-upon aggravating and mitigating factors; and
- (h) A stipulation that the proposed findings of fact are substantially correct and complete.

19.6.3 Proposed Penalties. The institution and involved individuals shall submit proposed penalties from the guidelines set forth in Bylaw 19.9 and Figure 19-1. The institution and involved individuals also may submit a statement regarding any aggravating or mitigating factors and other considerations that may impact the penalty or penalties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4 Committee on Infractions Review. A hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions shall consider the case during a subsequent meeting. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4.1 Review of Investigation. The panel shall determine whether a thorough investigation of possible violations of the NCAA bylaws has been conducted (by the enforcement staff and/or the institution). If the panel determines that the investigation was inadequate, it shall notify the enforcement staff and the parties and allow them to respond, as appropriate. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.6.4.2 Additional Information or Clarification. The panel may contact the institution, enforcement staff and involved individuals for additional information or clarification prior to accepting or rejecting the proposed findings or penalties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.6.4.3 Acceptance of Proposed Findings of Fact, Violations and Penalties. If the proposed findings of fact and proposed penalties are accepted, the panel shall prepare a report of its decision or adopt the written report of the parties. The panel may make additional comments explaining its analysis or amend the proposed findings of fact, provided any addition or amendment is editorial and does not alter the substance of the proposed findings of fact. The written report may identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of institutional control and failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. The panel shall forward the report to the enforcement staff and the parties and publicly announce the resolution of the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.6.4.4 Proposed Findings of Fact and/or Violations Not Accepted. If the panel does not accept the proposed findings of fact, the case shall be processed pursuant to Bylaw 19.7. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.6.4.5 Proposed Penalties Not Accepted. If the panel accepts the proposed findings of fact but proposes penalties in addition to those set forth in the parties' written report, the institution and/or involved individuals may accept those penalties or request an expedited hearing on penalties before the panel. The institution and/or involved individuals may appear before the panel in person, by video conference or other mode of distance communication, as the panel deems appropriate, to discuss the proposed additional penalties. The institution and/or involved individuals also may provide a written submission in lieu of a hearing. The panel shall only consider information relevant to the calculation of penalties during the expedited hearing or, if no hearing is requested, on the written record. At the conclusion of the expedited hearing or review of the written record, the panel shall prepare a written report and provide notification of its decision. The

institution and/or any involved individuals may appeal additional penalties to the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7 Notice of Allegations and Opportunity to Respond Before the Committee on Infractions.

19.7.1 Notice of Allegations. If the enforcement staff determines after an investigation that there is sufficient information to conclude that a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions could conclude that a violation occurred, it shall issue a cover letter and notice of allegations to the chancellor or president of the institution involved (with copies to the faculty athletics representative, the director of athletics and the executive officer of the conference of which the institution is a member). The institution and/or involved individuals, if applicable, shall be given notice of the alleged violation(s), the details of the allegations, the possible level of each alleged violation, the processing level of the case, the available hearing procedures and the opportunity to answer the allegations. The notice of allegations shall also identify the factual information and aggravating and/or mitigating factors on which the enforcement staff may rely in presenting the case. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.1.1 Notice to Institution's Administration. The cover letter accompanying each notice of allegations shall: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Inform the chancellor or president of the matter under inquiry and request the cooperation of the institution in obtaining all the pertinent facts;
- (b) Request the chancellor or president to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the institution has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the case has been concluded;
- (c) In cases in which there will be an in-person hearing, request the chancellor or president and other institutional staff to appear before a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions at a time and place determined by the panel;
- (d) In cases in which there will be an in-person hearing, inform the chancellor or president that if the institution fails to appear after having been requested to do so, it may not appeal to the panel's decision or the resultant penalty; and
- (e) Inform the chancellor or president that the enforcement staff's primary investigator in the case will be available to discuss the development of its response and assist in locating various individuals who have, or may have, important information regarding the allegations.

19.7.1.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The enforcement staff shall notify an involved individual of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which the involved individual is named. The involved individual shall receive notice of the individual's duty to cooperate in the investigation and to appear at a hearing, if requested (and the potential consequences for failing to appear). The notice of allegations shall request the involved individual to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the involved individual has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the case has been concluded. The involved individual shall also be advised that the enforcement staff's primary investigator in the case will be available to discuss the development of the individual's response. If an involved individual is employed at a member institution, a copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the chancellor or president and the director of athletics of the individual's current institution. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.2 Responses by Institutions or Involved Individuals. Any response to the notice of allegations shall be submitted to the hearing panel, if assigned, and the enforcement staff, and pertinent portions to the institution and all involved individuals, not later than 90 days from the date of the notice of allegations unless the chief hearing officer, if assigned, and if not assigned, the committee chair, grants an extension. The enforcement staff may establish a deadline for the submission of responses to any reasonable time within the 90-day period, provided the institution and all involved individuals consent to the expedited deadline. Failure to submit a timely response may be viewed by the panel as an admission that the alleged violation(s) occurred. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.3 Submissions by Enforcement Staff. Within 60 days after the institution and involved individuals, if any, submit written responses to the notice of allegations, the enforcement staff shall submit a written reply to the hearing panel, and pertinent portions to an involved individual or institution. In addition to submitting its reply and after the prehearing conference, the enforcement staff shall prepare a statement of the case, which shall set forth a brief history of the case, summary of the parties' positions on each allegation and a list of any remaining items of disagreement. An involved individual will be provided those portions of the statement in which the involved individual is named. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.4 Prehearing Conference. Within 60 days after the institution and involved individuals, if any, submit written responses to the notice of allegations, the enforcement staff shall consult with institutional representatives and other involved

individuals in order to clarify the issues to be discussed during the hearing, make suggestions regarding additional investigation or interviews that should be conducted to supplement a response and identify allegations that the staff intends to amend or withdraw. The enforcement staff shall conduct independent prehearings with the institution and/or any involved individuals, unless mutually agreed by all parties to do otherwise. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.5 Deadline for Submission of Written Material. Except as otherwise ordered by the chief hearing officer and for good cause shown, all written material from the parties to be considered by the hearing panel must be received by the hearing panel, enforcement staff, institution and any involved individuals at least 30 days prior to the date the panel considers the case. Information may be submitted at the hearing, subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 19.7.7.3. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.6 Prehearing Procedural Issues. The committee chair has authority to resolve procedural matters that arise prior to an infractions hearing. Unless otherwise specified by the committee chair, the chief hearing officer has authority to resolve procedural matters that arise prior to an infractions hearing and after appointment of the chief hearing officer to preside over the case assigned to a panel. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7 Committee Hearings. The hearing panel assigned to a case shall hold a hearing to make factual findings and to conclude whether violations of the NCAA bylaws occurred and, if so, to prescribe appropriate penalties as set forth in this article unless all participating parties agree to submit the case in writing without a hearing. In Level I cases that involve a small number of contested issues or Level I cases in which the contested issues are relatively uncomplicated, the institution and/or the involved individual may make a written request to appear before the panel by video conference or other mode of distance communication. The decision regarding the use of video conference (or another mode of communication) rests with the panel. In a Level II case, a hearing will be conducted by telephone or video conference unless an in-person hearing is requested by the panel, institution, enforcement staff or involved individual. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 4/14/17, 8/1/22*)

19.7.7.1 Allegations of Violations in Multiple Levels. If violations from multiple levels are identified in the notice of allegations, the case shall be processed pursuant to procedures applicable to the most serious violation(s) alleged. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7.2 Accelerated Hearing Docket. In Level I and Level II cases, the institution or involved individual may petition the committee chair for an accelerated schedule for written submissions and an earlier hearing date. The petition shall be submitted not later than 14 calendar days after the date of the notice of allegations. The enforcement staff may respond to the petition within five business days. The committee chair may grant or deny such a petition and set a reasonable schedule. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17*)

19.7.7.3 Information Presented at Hearings. At a hearing, the parties or their legal counsel have the obligation to present, to the extent reasonably possible, material, relevant information necessary for the hearing panel to reach an informed decision, including information that corroborates or refutes an allegation. Subject to procedures of the Committee on Infractions, the parties or their legal counsel may deliver opening and closing statements, present factual information, make arguments, explain the alleged violations and answer questions from panel members. Any oral or documentary information may be received, but the panel may exclude information that it determines to be irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7.3.1 Information from Confidential Sources. At a hearing, the parties, including the enforcement staff, shall present only information that can be attributed to individuals who are willing to be identified. Information obtained from individuals not wishing to be identified shall not be relied on by the hearing panel in concluding whether a violation occurred. Such confidential sources shall not be identified to the hearing panel, the institution or an involved individual. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7.3.2 Information Relevant to Possible Penalties. Institutional, conference and enforcement staff representatives and any involved individuals are encouraged to present all relevant information that should be considered in arriving at appropriate penalties. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7.4 Scope of Inquiry. When an institution and/or involved individual appears before a hearing panel to discuss a response to the notice of allegations, the hearing shall be directed toward the general scope of the notice of allegations but shall not preclude the panel from concluding that any violation occurred based on information developed or discussed during the hearing. In any case, the panel may make specific factual findings based on information presented by the parties or at a hearing even if different from the notice of allegations. (*Revised: 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.7.7.5 Appearance of Individuals at Hearings. Except as otherwise provided herein or as ordered by the chief hearing officer, hearing attendees shall be limited to institutional representatives (Bylaw 19.7.7.5.2), involved individuals, NCAA staff representatives, hearing panel members, representatives from the office of the Committees on Infractions, the

audio recorder, court reporter and other technical/support staff as permitted by the chief hearing officer. An individual who appears before the panel may appear with personal legal counsel. The chief hearing officer may exclude an individual and the individual's counsel from those portions of the hearing concerning matters in which the individual is not involved. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.7.5.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, current or former staff members, or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested by the chief hearing officer to appear before the hearing panel at an institutional hearing are expected to appear and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. Failure to attend may result in a violation of this bylaw. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.5.2 Representatives of Institution. Except as otherwise ordered by the chief hearing officer, at the time an institution appears before the hearing panel, its representatives should include the institution's chancellor or president, the head coach of the sport(s) in question, the institution's director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative, legal counsel (if any), enrolled student-athletes whose eligibility could be affected by information presented at the hearing, and any other representatives whose attendance would be helpful to or has been requested by the panel. Additional individuals may be included among the institution's representatives only if specifically approved. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.7.7.5.3 Representatives of Member Conference. A representative of a conference may attend an institutional hearing involving a conference member. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.5.4 Prohibited Attendance by Conflicted Committee Members. A member of the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee who is prohibited under Bylaws 19.3.4 or 19.4.3 from participating in an infractions proceeding may not attend a Committee on Infractions hearing involving the member's institution unless specifically requested by the chief hearing officer. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.7.6 Recording of Proceedings. The proceedings of infractions hearings shall be transcribed by a court reporter (unless otherwise agreed) and shall be recorded by the hearing panel. No additional verbatim recording of the proceedings will be permitted. In the event of an appeal, a transcript of the proceedings shall be reproduced and submitted to the Infractions Appeals Committee and made available for review by the appealing parties through a secure website. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8 Posthearing Committee Deliberations. After all presentations have been made and the hearing has been concluded, the hearing panel shall excuse the parties and deliberate in private. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.1 Request for New Information. In arriving at its decision, the hearing panel may request additional information from any source, including the institution, the enforcement staff or an involved individual. In the event that new information is requested, all parties will be afforded an opportunity to respond at the time such information is provided. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.2 Request for Interpretation. The hearing panel may request that the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff provide an interpretation of applicable legislation based on facts submitted by the panel. If an interpretation is requested, the institution, involved individuals and the enforcement staff will be notified in writing of the interpretation request and the response. The institution may appeal the interpretation in accordance with Bylaw 9.3.1.2. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.7.8.3 Basis of Decision. The hearing panel shall base its decision on information presented to it that it determines to be credible, persuasive and of a kind on which reasonably prudent persons rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The information upon which the panel bases its decision may be information that directly or circumstantially supports the alleged violation. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.1 Importation of Facts. Facts established by a decision or judgment of a court, agency, accrediting body, or other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, which is not under appeal, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by a member institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees and regardless of whether the facts are accepted by the institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees, may be accepted as true in the infractions process in concluding whether an institution or individual participating in the previous matter violated NCAA legislation. Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.2 Materials Not Produced. The hearing panel may infer that materials requested during an investigation by the enforcement staff but not produced by an institution or individual would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.3 Failure or Refusal to Participate in Interview. The hearing panel may view the failure or refusal to participate in an interview requested by the enforcement staff as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.3.4 Failure to Submit Timely Response to Notice of Allegations. The hearing panel may view the failure by an institution or individual to submit a timely response to a notice of allegations as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

19.7.8.4 Calculation of Penalty. If the hearing panel concludes that a violation occurred, it shall prescribe an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 or recommend to the Board of Directors suspension or termination of membership in an appropriate case. Failure to fully implement the prescribed penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution, and/or an institution employing an involved individual under a show-cause order, to further disciplinary action by the Committee on Infractions. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.8 Notification of Committee on Infractions Decision.

19.8.1 Infractions Decision. After a hearing, the Committee on Infractions hearing panel shall prepare and approve the final written infractions decision, which shall contain a statement of the findings of fact, conclusions of violations, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and (for institutions) any other conditions and obligations of membership. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.8.1.1 Provision of Decision to the Parties. The decision shall be sent to the chancellor or president of the involved institution (or a designee), any involved individuals and the vice president of enforcement. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.2 Public Infractions Decision. Once the decision has been provided to the parties, the hearing panel shall release a public infractions decision. The public infractions decision will not include names of individuals, but the panel may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.3 Public Announcement. Once the public infractions decision has been released, the panel member designated by the chief hearing officer may make a public announcement related to the infractions case. The institution and/or any involved individuals shall be requested not to comment publicly concerning the case prior to the time the NCAA's public announcement is released. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.1.4 Decision to Infractions Appeals Committee. The hearing panel shall forward a copy of the public infractions decision to the Infractions Appeals Committee at the time of the public announcement. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2 Reconsideration by the Hearing Panel. Once the decision has been publicly announced by the Committee on Infractions hearing panel, and the appeal opportunity has been exhausted, there shall be no reconsideration of the decision except as follows. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.8.2.1 New Information or Prejudicial Error. A hearing panel may reconsider a decision upon a showing of new information that is directly related to the decision or upon a showing that there was prejudicial error in the procedure that was followed in the processing of the case. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)*

19.8.2.1.1 Review Process. Any institution or involved individual that initiates such a review shall submit a brief of its request to a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions. Based on the party's brief, the hearing panel shall decide whether to deny the request or grant the request and conduct further proceedings as the panel deems necessary to resolve the matter. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2.1.2 No Calculation of New Penalty. If reconsideration is granted, the panel may reduce or eliminate a penalty but may not prescribe any new penalty. The panel's decision with respect to the penalty shall be final and conclusive for all purposes. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.2.2 Penalty Modified or Set Aside Outside the Association. Should any portion of the penalty in the case be modified or set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalty shall be reconsidered by a hearing panel. In such cases, any extensions or adjustment of a penalty shall be prescribed by the panel after notice to the institution and an opportunity to respond. Any such action by the panel may be reviewed by the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.8.3 Finality of Decisions. Any decision by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions that is not appealed or reconsidered pursuant to Bylaw 19.8.2 shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.9 Penalties.

19.9.1 Application. The penalties set forth in this section shall be prescribed by hearing panels of the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel for violations committed on or after October 30, 2012. Penalties prescribed for violations committed before October 30, 2012, shall be the penalties set forth in this section or the penalties that would have been prescribed pursuant to the 2012-13 Division I Manual, whichever is less stringent. For violations that commence before October 30, 2012, and continue on or after October 30, 2012, the hearing panel shall prescribe the penalties set forth in this section unless it finds or concludes that the conduct constituting a violation predominately occurred before October 30, 2012. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.9.2 Factors Affecting Penalties. The hearing panel shall determine whether any factors that may affect penalties are present for a case. The panel shall weigh any factors and determine whether a party should be subject to standard penalties or should be classified with aggravation or mitigation and, therefore, subject to a higher or lower range of penalties. Absent extenuating circumstances, core penalties corresponding to the classification shall be prescribed as set forth in Figure 19-1. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.1 Aggravation. An aggravated case is one in which aggravating factors for a party outweigh mitigating factors for that party. A case should not be classified as aggravated solely because the number of aggravating factors is larger than the number of mitigating factors. An egregious aggravating factor may outweigh multiple mitigating factors. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.2 Standard. A standard case is one in which no mitigating or aggravating factors are present for a party or in which aggravating and mitigating factors for that party are generally of equal weight. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.2.3 Mitigation. A mitigated case is one in which mitigating factors for a party outweigh aggravating factors for that party. A case should not be classified as mitigated solely because the number of mitigating factors is larger than the number of aggravating factors. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.9.3 Aggravating Factors. Aggravating factors are circumstances that warrant a higher range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel determines whether aggravating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of aggravating factors include, but are not limited, to the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 8/8/18, 9/24/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22)*

- (a) Multiple Level I violations by the institution or involved individual;
- (b) A history of Level I, Level II or major violations by the institution or involved individual. Additional considerations include:
 - (1) The amount of time between the occurrences of violations;
 - (2) The similarity, severity and types of violations involved;
 - (3) Efforts to implement previously prescribed corrective measures; and
 - (4) Other factors the hearing panel deems relevant to the infractions history.
- (c) Lack of institutional control;
- (d) Obstructing an investigation or attempting to conceal the violation;
- (e) Unethical conduct, compromising the integrity of an investigation, failing to cooperate during an investigation or refusing to provide all relevant or requested information;
- (f) Violations were premeditated, deliberate or committed after substantial planning;
- (g) Multiple Level II violations by the institution or involved individual;
- (h) Persons of authority condoned, participated in or negligently disregarded the violation or related wrongful conduct;
- (i) One or more violations caused significant ineligibility or other substantial harm to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete;
- (j) Conduct or circumstances demonstrating an abuse of a position of trust;
- (k) A pattern of noncompliance within the sport program(s) involved;
- (l) Conduct intended to generate pecuniary gain for the institution or involved individual;
- (m) Intentional, willful or blatant disregard for the NCAA bylaws;

- (n) The institution employs an athletics department staff member who is subject to a show-cause order and during the period of the show-cause order that individual's conduct, or for a director of athletics and/or head coach, conduct involving any program in which the individual has oversight, results in an institutional Level I or Level II violation in the case; or
- (o) Other facts warranting a higher penalty range.

19.9.4 Mitigating Factors. Mitigating factors are circumstances that warrant a lower range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel determines whether mitigating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of mitigating factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 10/5/16, 4/25/18, 4/27/18, 8/8/18, 9/24/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

- (a) Prompt self-detection and self-disclosure of the violation(s);
- (b) Prompt acknowledgement of the violation, acceptance of responsibility and (for an institution) imposition of meaningful corrective measures and/or penalties;
- (c) Affirmative steps to expedite final resolution of the matter, including timely submission of a summary disposition report pursuant to Bylaw 19.6.2;
- (d) An established history of self-reporting Level III or secondary violations;
- (e) Implementation of a system of compliance methods designed to ensure rules compliance and satisfaction of institutional/coaches' control standards (e.g., National Association of Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards);
- (f) Exemplary cooperation, such as:
 - (1) Identifying individuals (to be interviewed by the enforcement staff), documents and other information of which the enforcement staff was not aware;
 - (2) Expending substantial institutional resources to expedite a thorough and fair collection and disclosure of information; or
 - (3) Recognizing and bringing to the attention of the enforcement staff, in a timely manner, additional violations discovered in the investigation of which the enforcement staff was not aware.
- (g) The violations were unintentional, limited in scope and represent a deviation from otherwise compliant practices by the institution or involved individual;
- (h) The absence of prior conclusions of Level I, Level II or major violations committed by the institution or involved individual; or
- (i) Other facts warranting a lower penalty range.

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.5.1 Competition Penalties. Competition limitations on the institution's participation in postseason play in the involved sport(s). (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.5.2 Financial Penalties. Financial penalties may include requirements that an institution pay a fine, return revenue received from a specific athletics event or series of events, face reduction in or elimination of monetary distribution by the Association or lose all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship) for the entire period of a postseason ban. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18*)

19.9.5.2.1 Fine for Participation in NCAA Championship and Other Postseason Contests in Which an Ineligible Student-Athlete Competed. A hearing panel may require an institution to pay a fine, to be distributed to the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund, if an ineligible student-athlete competes in NCAA championship or other postseason contests. In such a case, the institution shall pay the value of the full unit(s) [Basketball Performance Fund unit(s) and/or Equal Conference Fund unit(s)] awarded based on the institution's participation in NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed, or shall pay the value of a similar distribution awarded for the institution's participation in other NCAA championship or postseason contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed. (*Adopted: 1/23/19*)

19.9.5.3 Scholarship Reductions. Limitations on the number of financial aid awards that may be provided during a specified period. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.5.4 Show-Cause Orders. If a determination is made by a hearing panel that an institution has not taken appropriate disciplinary or corrective action regarding an individual found in violation of the NCAA bylaws, the panel may issue an order that the institution take additional disciplinary or corrective action, including but not limited to, restriction of some or all athletically related duties, as set forth in Figure 19-1, unless the institution appears before the panel to show cause why the additional penalties should not be applied. Decisions regarding disciplinary or corrective actions involving personnel shall be made by the institution, but the determination of whether the action satisfies the institution's obligation of NCAA membership shall rest solely with the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22*)

19.9.5.5 Head Coach Restrictions. If a determination is made by the hearing panel that an employing institution has not taken appropriate disciplinary or corrective action regarding a head coach found in violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1, the panel may issue an order that the institution suspend the coach for a number of contests from the range set forth in Figure 19-1 that would apply to the underlying violation(s) unless the institution appears before the panel to show cause why the suspension should not be applied. Decisions regarding disciplinary or corrective actions involving personnel shall be made by the institution, but the determination of whether the action satisfies the institution's obligation of NCAA membership shall rest solely with the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

19.9.5.6 Recruiting Restrictions. Recruiting restrictions may include limitations for varying lengths of time on official visits; unofficial visits (the number of scheduled unofficial visits, provision of complimentary admissions and local transportation); recruiting communications (telephone and written correspondence); and off-campus recruiting activities. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.5.7 Probation. The hearing panel may prescribe probationary conditions designed on a case-by-case basis to remediate weaknesses detected in the institution's administration of its athletics programs. Prior to expiration of the probation period and before the institution is restored to full rights and privileges of membership in the Association, the office of the Committee on Infractions will review the athletics policies and practices of the institution. If an institution fails to satisfy all probationary conditions, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may extend the probationary period and/or prescribe additional penalties. Conditions of probation may include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

- (a) Submission of compliance reports during the period of probation;
- (b) Acknowledgement in alumni publications, media guides and recruiting materials identifying the violations committed, the terms of probation, and penalties prescribed;
- (c) Written confirmation to the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel that the institution's president or chancellor met with student-athletes, athletics department staff and other relevant parties to personally affirm the president or chancellor's commitment to NCAA rules compliance, shared responsibility and preserving the integrity of intercollegiate athletics;
- (d) Requiring an institution to announce during broadcast contests, on its website and in institutional publications that it is on probation and the reasons why the probation was prescribed;
- (e) In cases in which an institution is found to lack institutional control and serious remediation is necessary, in-person reviews of the institution's athletics policies and practices by the office of the Committee on Infractions or, in limited circumstances, as appropriate, Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel members or a third party;
- (f) Implementation of educational or deterrent programs; or
- (g) Audits for specific programs or teams.

19.9.6 Departures from Level I and Level II Core Penalties. If extenuating circumstances are found, the hearing panel may depart from the core penalties in Figure 19-1, provided the panel explains, in its decision, the basis for its prescription of core penalties different than those set forth in Figure 19-1. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) Prohibition against specified competition in the sport during the regular season;
- (b) Prohibition of all coaching staff members in the sport from involvement, directly or indirectly, in any coaching activities at the institution during the regular season;

- (c) Prohibition against institutional staff members serving on the Board of Directors, Council or other committees of the Association for a prescribed period (or requirement that any institutional staff members serving in leadership positions on any NCAA council or committee resign their leadership positions);
- (d) Requirement that the institution relinquish its voting privilege in the Association for a prescribed period;
- (e) Recommendation that the institution's membership in the Association be suspended or terminated pursuant to Bylaw 20.2.5;
- (f) Public reprimand and censure;
- (g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:
 - (1) Vacation of individual records and performances;
 - (2) Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or, in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or
 - (3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.
- (h) Prohibition against television appearances of the institution in the sport in which the violation occurred. The penalty shall specify that the institution may not enter into any contracts or agreements for such appearances until the institution has been restored to full privileges of membership. The Board of Directors is authorized to permit a closed-circuit telecast, limited to the campus of the opponent of the ineligible institution, provided no rights fee is to be paid to the ineligible institution;
- (i) Pursuant to a show-cause order, disassociation of relations with a representative of an institution's athletics interests, including:
 - (1) Not accepting any assistance from the individual that would aid in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or the support of enrolled student-athletes;
 - (2) Not accepting financial assistance for the institution's athletics program from the individual;
 - (3) Ensuring that no athletics benefit or privilege is provided to the individual that is not generally available to the public at large; and
 - (4) Taking such other actions against the individual that the institution determines to be within its authority to eliminate the involvement of the individual in the institution's athletics program.
- (j) Publicizing institutions on probation on the NCAA website, in appropriate NCAA publications and in NCAA championship game programs of the involved sports;
- (k) Institutionally imposed suspension of a staff member from some or all athletically related duties for a specified period, pursuant to a show-cause order, for a situation in which the staff member engaged in or condoned a Level I or Level II violation; or
- (l) Other penalties as appropriate.

19.9.8 Penalties for Level III Violations. Penalties for Level III violations may include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17, 8/1/22*)

- (a) Termination of the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete by the institution or, if the prospective student-athlete enrolls (or has enrolled) in the institution, direction that the institution take appropriate action regarding eligibility pursuant to Bylaw 12.12 and/or not allow the student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics unless and until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement;
- (b) Forfeiture/vacation of contests in which an ineligible student-athlete participated;
- (c) Prohibition of the head coach or other staff members in the involved sport from participating in any off-campus recruiting activities for up to one year;
- (d) An institutional fine for each violation, with the monetary penalty ranging in total from \$500 to \$5,000, except if an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship or other postseason competition, the \$5,000 limit shall not apply;
- (e) Reduction in the number of financial aid awards that may be awarded during a specified period in the sport involved to the maximum extent of 20 percent of the maximum number of awards normally permissible in that sport;
- (f) Institutional recertification that its current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of the NCAA bylaws;
- (g) Institutionally imposed suspension of the head coach or other staff members for one or more competitions;

(h) Public reprimand; and

(i) Requirement that a member institution that has been found in violation, or that has an athletics department staff member who has been found in violation of the NCAA bylaws while representing another institution, show cause why a penalty or an additional penalty should not be prescribed if it does not take appropriate disciplinary or corrective action against the athletics department personnel involved, any other institutional employee, if the circumstances warrant, or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.

19.9.9 Show-Cause Penalties. If a hearing panel prescribes additional penalties for an institution for Level I or Level II violations pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.5.4, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appear before the panel. Further, for show-cause penalties prescribed by a Committee on Infractions hearing panel, the institution shall be provided the opportunity to appeal any additional penalty prescribed by the panel. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

19.9.10 Notification of Regional Accrediting Agency. In cases in which the hearing panel has found academic violations or questionable academic conduct, the NCAA president may forward a copy of the public infractions decision to the appropriate regional accrediting agency. (*Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

19.9.11 Obligation of Institution to Take Appropriate Action. If a violation has been found that affects the eligibility of one or more student-athletes, the institution and its conference, if any, shall be notified of the violation and the name(s) of the student-athlete(s) involved. If the institution fails to take appropriate action by declaring the student-athlete(s) ineligible, the institution shall be required to show cause to the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel why additional penalties should not be prescribed for a failure to abide by the conditions and obligations of membership if it permits the student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate athletics. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03, 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

19.10 Appeal of Committee on Infractions Decisions.

19.10.1 Basis for Granting an Appeal.

19.10.1.1 Penalties. A penalty prescribed by the Committee on Infractions hearing panel, including determinations regarding the existence and weighing of any aggravating or mitigating factors, shall not be set aside on appeal except on a showing by the appealing party that the panel abused its discretion. The Infractions Appeals Committee may affirm a penalty for any reason in the record. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

19.10.1.2 Findings and Conclusions. A Committee on Infractions hearing panel's factual findings and its conclusion that one or more violations occurred shall not be set aside on appeal except on a showing by the appealing party that: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22*)

- (a) A factual finding is clearly contrary to the information presented to the panel;
- (b) The facts found by the panel do not constitute a violation of the NCAA bylaws; or
- (c) There was a procedural error and but for the error, the panel would not have made the finding or conclusion.

19.10.2 Appeal by Institution or Involved Individual. An institution participating in the proceedings of a Committee on Infractions hearing panel may appeal the panel's findings, conclusions, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and/or other conditions and obligations of membership prescribed for the institution for violations of the NCAA bylaws. An involved individual participating in the proceedings of the panel and who the panel concluded committed a violation may appeal the panel's findings, conclusions and/or prescribed penalties regarding that individual for violations in which the individual is named. The notice of intent to appeal must be presented in writing to the Infractions Appeals Committee not later than 15 calendar days after the date the hearing panel releases the public infractions decision. (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22*)

19.10.2.1 Contents of Notice of Intent to Appeal. The notice of intent to appeal shall include the following, unless otherwise ordered by the Infractions Appeals Committee: (*Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13*)

- (a) The date on which the decision of the hearing panel was released to the public;
- (b) A statement indicating whether the appealing party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or requests an in-person oral argument. An appealing party may not request an in-person oral argument unless that party made an appearance before the hearing panel; and
- (c) If the appealing party is an involved individual, a statement indicating whether the individual is employed at an NCAA institution. If the involved individual's employment status changes during the course of the appeal, the statement shall be amended promptly to reflect the change and the identity of the new employer.

19.10.2.2 Stay of Penalties. If a notice of intent to appeal is filed within the deadline, unless ordered otherwise by the Infractions Appeals Committee, any penalties prescribed by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions that have been appealed shall be stayed during the pendency of the appeal. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3 Written Materials on Appeal. An appealing party may submit materials as set forth below, subject to procedures promulgated by the Infractions Appeals Committee or as otherwise directed by the committee. A deadline for the submission of a document shall be met if the document is submitted electronically to the Infractions Appeals Committees Office by 5 p.m. Eastern time on the due date. At the earliest opportunity after a document is submitted electronically, the submitting party shall provide a hard copy of the document directly to all members of the committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.1 Initial Submission by Institution or Involved Individual. Within 30 days after receipt of the Infractions Appeals Committee's acknowledgement of a timely notice of intent to appeal, an appealing institution or individual shall provide its initial submission in support of its appeal to the Infractions Appeals Committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.2 Response by Committee Appeals Advocate. Within 30 days after receipt of an initial submission in support of its appeal by an institution or involved individual, the committee appeals advocate shall submit a response to the Infractions Appeals Committee. The response shall include the issues raised in the appeal and the responses to the issues raised by the appealing parties. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/19/19)*

19.10.3.3 Rebuttal by Institution or Involved Individual. Within 14 days after receipt of the committee appeals advocate's response, an institution or involved individual may submit a rebuttal to the Infractions Appeals Committee. The rebuttal may only address issues contained in the initial submission or the committee appeals advocate's response. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.3.4 Enforcement Staff Statement. Within 10 days after the deadline for submission of all rebuttals, the enforcement staff may provide a written statement to the Infractions Appeals Committee regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions relating to the initial submission(s), the committee appeals advocate's response and/or rebuttal documents. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.4 Information Considered on Appeal. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall consider only the information contained in the record of proceedings before the Committee on Infractions, the record on appeal and arguments presented during the appeal oral argument, if any, unless otherwise ordered by the Infractions Appeals Committee. If an institution or involved individual seeks to introduce new information during the appeal process, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall determine whether it meets the threshold definition of new information per Bylaw 19.02.2 and, if so, may stay the appeal and remand the matter to the assigned panel to conduct further proceedings as may be necessary to address whether the information affects the panel's decision and to amend the decision, if necessary. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.10.5 Appeal Arguments. If one or more of the appealing parties request an appeal oral argument, an appeal oral argument may be conducted as set forth below, subject to procedures promulgated by the Infractions Appeals Committee or as otherwise directed by the committee. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Only those individuals identified in Bylaw 19.7.7.5 may attend the appeal oral argument;
- (b) The parties may be represented by legal counsel and shall be permitted a reasonable time to make an oral presentation to supplement the initial submission;
- (c) The Infractions Appeals Committee may question representatives of appealing parties (institution or involved individual), the Committee on Infractions or enforcement staff, as well as any other persons appearing before it, in order to determine the issues related to the appeal;
- (d) Representatives from the enforcement staff may participate during the appeal oral argument but such participation shall be limited to the opportunity to provide information regarding perceived new information, errors, misstatements and omissions;
- (e) If an institution or involved individual appeared before the Committee on Infractions but waived the right to appeal, the institution or involved individual may elect to be present in person and/or by counsel as a silent observer during the appeal oral argument; and
- (f) If the institution or involved individual elects to appeal in writing only, the committee appeals advocate's written response specific to that written appeal shall be considered without any in-person appearance.

19.10.6 Decision of the Infractions Appeals Committee. After considering the appeal and deliberating privately, the Infractions Appeals Committee shall prepare a written decision and provide a copy to any appealing party (including the president or chancellor of an institution currently employing an involved individual), the chair of the Committee on Infractions, the committee appeals advocate and the vice president of enforcement, unless otherwise ordered by the committee. Once the

decision has been provided to the parties, the committee shall release a public appeal decision. The public appeal decision will not include names of individuals, but the committee may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.10.7 Final Decision not Subject to Further Review. Any decision of the Infractions Appeals Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.11 Independent Accountability Resolution.

19.11.1 Independent Accountability Resolution Process. The independent accountability resolution process reinforces the mission, principles and commitments of the NCAA infractions program. The independent accountability resolution process ensures the Association's interests are best served by resolving select infractions cases involving allegations of Level I or Level II violations in an independent accountability resolution structure before a hearing panel comprised of members external to the Association. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.1.1 Procedural Timeline Disclosure. For a case referred to the independent accountability resolution process, information regarding its status and completed procedural steps or actions will be made publicly available through a timeline. *(Adopted: 8/4/21)*

19.11.2 Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. The independent accountability resolution structure shall consist of the following bodies: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

- (a) Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;
- (b) Infractions Referral Committee;
- (c) Independent Resolution Panel; and
- (d) Complex Case Unit.

19.11.2.1 Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.1.1 Composition. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall consist of five members, including three independent members of the Board of Governors, the chair of the Board of Directors and the vice chair of the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.2 Method of Selection. The Board of Governors shall appoint the independent members of the Board of Governors on the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.3 Term of Office. The term of office for Independent Accountability Oversight Committee members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The terms of office of independent members of the Board of Governors shall coincide with their respective terms on the Board of Governors.
- (b) The terms of office of the chair and vice chair of the Board of Directors shall coincide with their terms as chair and vice chair, respectively.

19.11.2.1.4 Chair. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall elect a member of the committee who is an independent member of the Board of Governors to serve as chair. The chair shall serve for a period of not more than two years and is not immediately eligible for re-election to the position. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.1.5 Duties and Authority. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee administers the independent accountability process. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22)*

- (a) Oversee the Infractions Referral Committee, Independent Resolution Panel and Complex Case Unit;
- (b) Consult with the Board of Directors in revising operating procedures for the independent accountability structure;
- (c) Appoint the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members on the Infractions Referral Committee, and the independent external investigators and advocates on the Complex Case Unit;
- (d) Nominate individuals to serve on the Independent Resolution Panel, subject to appointment by the Board of Directors;

- (e) On request by the Independent Resolution Panel, appoint a member of the general public (with formal legal training who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who does not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity) knowledgeable in the infractions process and with the NCAA bylaws to confer with the panel during its review of a particular case;
- (f) Resolve operational matters related to the Infractions Referral Committee, Independent Resolution Panel and Complex Case Unit in accordance with applicable operating procedures; and
- (g) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Board of Governors.

19.11.2.2 Infractions Referral Committee.

19.11.2.2.1 Composition. The Infractions Referral Committee shall consist of five members, including one Independent Resolution Panel member, one Committee on Infractions member, one Infractions Appeals Committee member, and the Council chair and vice chair. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.2.2 Method of Selection. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall appoint the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members on the Infractions Referral Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.2.3 Term of Office. The term of office for the Infractions Referral Committee members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members shall serve three-year terms and are not immediately eligible for reappointment.
- (b) The terms of office of the Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members may expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Such a member may be appointed for less than a full term.
- (c) The Independent Resolution Panel, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term. A member who serves for one-half or less of a term is immediately eligible for reappointment to a new three-year term.
- (d) The terms of office of the Council chair and vice chair shall coincide with their terms as Council chair and vice chair, respectively.

19.11.2.2.4 Chair. The Independent Resolution Panel member of the Infractions Referral Committee shall be the chair. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.2.5 Duties and Authority. The Infractions Referral Committee shall decide whether to refer cases to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to the standard and process for referral. The Infractions Referral Committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

- (a) Review and respond to requests by the involved institution, vice president of enforcement (or a designee), and Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee) for referral to the independent accountability resolution structure, and positions taken by parties and the Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee) in response to the requests;
- (b) Prepare and approve decisions on the requests;
- (c) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and
- (d) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.2.6 Conflict of Interest. No Infractions Referral Committee member shall participate in a decision on whether to refer a case to the independent accountability resolution structure if the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3 Independent Resolution Panel.

19.11.2.3.1 Composition. The Independent Resolution Panel shall consist of 15 members with legal, higher education and/or sport backgrounds who are not staff members at an NCAA member institution or conference. The status of an individual who is employed by or otherwise affiliated with a member institution or conference shall be defined by the institution or conference. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.3.2 Method of Nomination and Selection. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Independent Resolution Panel members from individuals nominated by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3.3 Term of Office. The term of office for Independent Resolution Panel members shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

- (a) A member shall serve a five-year term and is not immediately eligible for reappointment.
- (b) The terms of office may expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. A member may be appointed for less than a full term.
- (c) A member who serves more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term. A member who serves for one-half or less of a term is immediately eligible for reappointment to a new five-year term.

19.11.2.3.4 Hearing Panels. Referred cases shall be presented to and decided by hearing panels consisting of five members generated from the Independent Resolution Panel. If a panel member is unable to participate in the disposition of a case, the panel member may be replaced. Decisions issued by hearing panels are made on behalf of the Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18)*

19.11.2.3.5 Duties and Authority. The Independent Resolution Panel hears and decides cases through hearing panels. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be prescribed by panel members present and voting at any duly called hearing thereof, provided the call of such a hearing shall have contained notice of the situation presenting the disciplinary problem. The penalties prescribed by a panel are separate and apart from any penalties prescribed as part of the Academic Performance Program by the Committee on Academics. The Independent Resolution Panel shall: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/1/22)*

- (a) Find facts related to alleged NCAA bylaw violations;
- (b) Conclude whether the facts constitute one or more violations of the NCAA bylaws;
- (c) Upon concluding that one or more violations occurred, prescribe an appropriate penalty consistent with the provisions of this article;
- (d) As approved by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee at the request of the panel, confer with a member of the general public (with formal legal training who is not associated with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization and who does not represent coaches or athletes in any capacity) knowledgeable in the infractions process and with the NCAA bylaws during the panel's review of a particular case;
- (e) Coordinate with the office of the Committees on Infractions as necessary for logistic, administrative or other support related to implementation of the Independent Resolution Panel's decisions;
- (f) Coordinate with the Committee on Infractions, which will monitor compliance with prescribed penalties. In the event that an institution fails or refuses to implement prescribed penalties, the Independent Resolution Panel may prescribe additional penalties, provided the institution is given the opportunity to appear before the panel;
- (g) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate (see Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3);
- (h) Sanction parties and/or their representative(s) for behaviors that inhibit the panel's ability to effectively manage the docket, ensure a professional and civil decorum in all proceedings or otherwise efficiently resolve infractions cases;
- (i) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and
- (j) Carry out such other duties directly related to hearing an infractions case as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.3.6 Conflict of Interest. No hearing panel member shall participate in a case if the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. It is the responsibility of the panel member to determine if a conflict exists. Objections to the participation of a panel member shall be addressed pursuant to applicable operating procedures. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.2.3.7 Duties of the Chief Panel Member. The chief panel member shall: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 8/4/21)*

- (a) Preside over cases assigned to the member's hearing panel;
- (b) At the request of the Complex Case Unit, determine whether a supplemental investigation may be conducted;
- (c) Resolve procedural and other matters that arise prior to the hearing as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.1;
- (d) Schedule deadlines for matters related to the case as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.2;

- (e) Conduct a hearing status conference with the parties and decide matters addressed in the conference as authorized in Bylaw 19.11.5.6.3;
- (f) At the request of the Complex Case Unit, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a current or former institutional employee with responsibilities related to athletics based on information that the employee reports in situations in which the employee would otherwise be subject to disciplinary action as described in Bylaws 19.9.5.4 and 19.9.8-(i). Such immunity shall not apply to the employee's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the employee or to any action taken by an institution;
- (g) At the request of the Complex Case Unit, determine whether to grant limited immunity to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete in situations in which the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete might otherwise be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on information reported to the enforcement staff by the individual or a third party associated with the individual. Such immunity shall not apply to the individual's involvement in violations of NCAA legislation not reported, to future involvement in violations of NCAA legislation by the individual or to any action taken by an institution;
- (h) Oversee hearing administration and logistics;
- (i) Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate as authorized in Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3; and
- (j) Carry out other duties related to the processing of an infractions case.

19.11.2.4 Complex Case Unit.

19.11.2.4.1 Composition. The Complex Case Unit shall consist of one or more independent external investigators, one or more independent external advocates and select enforcement staff members. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

19.11.2.4.2 Method of Selection. The Independent Accountability Oversight Committee shall appoint the independent external investigators and advocates on the Complex Case Unit from individuals nominated by the select enforcement staff members on the Complex Case Unit based on the needs associated with a particular case. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18*)

19.11.2.4.3 Duties and Authority. After a case is referred by the Infractions Referral Committee, information regarding an alleged failure to comply with the NCAA bylaws or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership shall be provided to the Complex Case Unit. The Complex Case Unit shall: (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 8/4/21, 8/1/22*)

- (a) For a case that is referred after the issuance of a notice of allegations by the enforcement staff, determine whether to recommend to the chief panel member, based on compelling rationale, authorization for a supplemental investigation of potential violations of the NCAA bylaws. If it is determined that a supplemental investigation is warranted, develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information about potential violations;
- (b) For a case that is referred before the issuance of a notice of allegations by the enforcement staff, determine whether supplemental investigation of potential violations of the NCAA bylaws is warranted. If supplemental investigation is warranted, develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information about potential violations;
- (c) Process violations it believes to be substantiated through final resolution by the Independent Resolution Panel;
- (d) Report to the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; and
- (e) Carry out such other duties as assigned by the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee.

19.11.2.4.4 Conflict of Interest. No Complex Case Unit member shall participate in a case if the member is directly connected with an institution under investigation or has a personal, professional or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19*)

19.11.3 Referral to Independent Accountability Resolution Structure. The Infractions Referral Committee refers cases to the independent accountability resolution structure pursuant to a standard and process for referral. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18*)

19.11.3.1 Standard for Referral. The Infractions Referral Committee shall refer select cases to the independent accountability resolution structure if it determines the Association's interests are best served by resolving the case under the independent accountability resolution structure, including when a case involves unique policy issues or factors that, when weighed in totality, could impede accurate and effective resolution of the case under the internal infractions structure. (*Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18*)

19.11.3.1.1 Referral Factors. Factors pertinent to the Infractions Referral Committee's determination may include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) Cases involving major policy issues that may implicate NCAA core values and commitments to the collegiate model;
- (b) Stale or incomplete facts;
- (c) Lack of acceptance of the core principles of self-governance, such as adversarial posturing or refusal to cooperate;
- (d) Actual or perceived misconduct by the involved parties;
- (e) The scope, scale and duration of the case, and other factual complications;
- (f) Breaches of confidentiality; and
- (g) Increased stakes, including potential penalties, or other pressures driving institutional decision-making.

19.11.3.2 Referral Process.

19.11.3.2.1 Request. The involved institution, vice president of enforcement (or a designee), and Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee) may request that the Infractions Referral Committee refer a case to the independent accountability resolution structure as follows: *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) The involved institution or the vice president of enforcement (or a designee) may request referral at any time after the enforcement staff issues the notice of inquiry and within 15 days after the Committee on Infractions receives the enforcement staff reply.
- (b) The Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee) may request referral at any time after the enforcement staff issues the notice of allegations and within 15 days after the Committee on Infractions receives the enforcement staff reply.
- (c) Requests for referral shall consist of a written statement in support of the request.

19.11.3.2.2 Response to Request. All parties to a case and the Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee) may respond to requests for referral through a written statement to the Infractions Referral Committee. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.3 Review of Request. The Infractions Referral Committee may request additional information from the parties and Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee). Based on the request for referral and information obtained related to the request, the Infractions Referral Committee shall decide whether to grant or deny the request. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4 Referral Decision. After a request for referral, by majority vote, the Infractions Referral Committee shall prepare and approve a decision on the request. The decision shall state the rationale for or against referral. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4.1 Provision of Referral Decision. The referral decision shall be sent to the president or chancellor of the involved institution (or a designee), any involved individuals, the vice president of enforcement (or a designee), and the Committee on Infractions chair (or a designee). *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.3.2.4.2 Finality of Referral Decision. The Infractions Referral Committee's decision shall be final, binding and conclusive, and not subject to further review. Once referred, a case shall be resolved through final disposition pursuant to Bylaw 19.12. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4 Review and Supplemental Investigation of Alleged Violations.

19.11.4.1 Review of Alleged Violations. For a case that is referred to the independent accountability resolution process before the issuance of a notice of allegations by the enforcement staff, the Complex Case Unit may determine whether supplemental investigation of potential violations of the NCAA bylaws is warranted. For a case that is referred to the independent accountability resolution process after the issuance of a notice of allegations by the enforcement staff, the Complex Case Unit must accept the results of the enforcement staff investigation unless the chief panel member determines, based on compelling rationale provided by the Complex Case Unit, that a supplemental investigation of potential violations of the NCAA bylaws is warranted. *(Adopted: 8/4/21, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.11.4.2 Supplemental Investigation. If it is determined that investigation of potential violations of the NCAA bylaws supplemental to the enforcement staff investigation is warranted, the Complex Case Unit shall conduct supplemental investigation to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The Complex Case Unit will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the

institution in stopping an ongoing violation. However, to protect the integrity of the investigation, the Complex Case Unit may not, in all instances, share information with the institution. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 8/4/21, 8/1/22)*

19.11.4.3 Public Announcements. If information concerning a case is made public, the institution, Complex Case Unit and any involved individual may confirm, correct or deny the information made public. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 8/4/21)*

19.11.4.4 Representation by Legal Counsel. When a Complex Case Unit member conducts an interview, the individual questioned may be represented by personal legal counsel. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.5 Interview Notices.

19.11.4.5.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. If a Complex Case Unit member requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being questioned, that individual shall be advised that the purpose of the interview is to determine whether the individual has knowledge of or has been involved directly or indirectly in any violation of the NCAA bylaws. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.11.4.5.2 Responsibility to Provide Truthful Information. At the beginning of an interview involving the Complex Case Unit, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional employee shall be advised that refusing to furnish information or providing false or misleading information to the NCAA, conference or institution may result in an allegation that the individual has violated NCAA ethical conduct bylaws. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.6 Interview with Member Institution. The director of athletics or other appropriate official of an institution shall be contacted by the Complex Case Unit in order to schedule interviews on the institution's campus with enrolled student-athletes or coaching or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities who are believed to have knowledge of possible violations. Interviews should be conducted without disrupting normally scheduled academic activities whenever reasonably possible. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.6.1 Presence of Institutional Representative During Interview. If an interview with an enrolled student-athlete or athletics department staff member is conducted on the campus of an institution, an institutional representative (as designated by the institution) may be present during the interview, provided the subject matter to be discussed in the interview relates directly to the individual's institution or could affect the individual's eligibility or employment at the institution. If the Complex Case Unit wishes to discuss information with a student-athlete or staff member that is related solely to institutions other than the one in which the student-athlete is enrolled or the staff member is employed, and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment at that institution, the institution may designate a representative to be present during the interview, provided the representative is someone who would not compromise the integrity of the investigation and whose participation would not prejudice the subject institution or any involved individual. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.7 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recordings or interview transcripts to a third party. A statement of confidentiality shall be signed or recorded prior to an interview. Failure to enter into such an agreement precludes the individual or institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.8 Access to Information. For all cases, the Complex Case Unit shall make available to the institution and any participating involved individuals recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts, and other factual information pertinent to the case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information through a secure website or at the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.4.9 Statute of Limitations. Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is provided to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) Allegations involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete;
- (b) Allegations in a case in which information is developed to indicate a pattern of willful violations on the part of the institution or individual involved, which began before but continued into the four-year period; and
- (c) Allegations that indicate a blatant disregard for the Association's fundamental recruiting, extra benefit, academic or ethical conduct bylaws or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the Complex Case Unit shall have an 18-month period after the date information concerning the matter becomes available to the Complex Case Unit to investigate and submit allegations concerning the matter.

19.11.5 Notice of Allegations and Opportunity to Respond.

19.11.5.1 Notice of Allegations Issued After Referral. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers a case to the independent accountability resolution structure before the enforcement staff issues a notice of allegations, and the Complex Case Unit determines that there is sufficient information for a hearing panel to conclude that a violation occurred, the Complex Case Unit shall issue a cover letter and notice of allegations to the chancellor or president of the institution. The institution and/or involved individuals, if applicable, shall be given notice of the alleged violation(s), the details of the alleged violation(s), the possible level of each alleged violation, the processing level of the case, the available hearing procedures and the opportunity to answer the allegations. The notice of allegations shall also identify the factual information and aggravating and/or mitigating factors on which the Complex Case Unit may rely in presenting the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.1.1 Notice to Institution's Administration. The cover letter accompanying each notice of allegations shall: *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) Inform the chancellor or president of the matter under inquiry and request the cooperation of the institution in obtaining all the pertinent facts;
- (b) Request the chancellor or president to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the institution has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the Independent Resolution Panel resolves the case; and
- (c) Require the chancellor or president and other institutional staff to appear before a hearing panel at a time and place determined by the chief panel member.

19.11.5.1.2 Notice to Involved Individuals. The Complex Case Unit shall notify an involved individual of the allegations in a notice of allegations in which the individual is named. The involved individual shall receive notice of the individual's duty to cooperate in the investigation and to appear at a hearing, if requested (and the potential consequences for failing to appear). The notice of allegations shall request the involved individual to respond to the allegations and to provide all relevant information that the involved individual has or may reasonably obtain, including information uncovered related to new violations. The responsibility to provide information continues until the Independent Resolution Panel resolves the case. If an involved individual is employed at a member institution, a copy of the notification shall also be forwarded to the chancellor or president and the director of athletics of the individual's institution. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.2 Notice of Allegations Issued Before Referral. If the Infractions Referral Committee refers a case to the independent accountability resolution structure after the enforcement staff issues a notice of allegations, the Complex Case Unit may withdraw, supplement or amend the allegations issued by the enforcement staff only as authorized by the chief panel member, based on compelling rationale provided by the Complex Case Unit, that a supplemental investigation is warranted. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 8/4/21)*

19.11.5.3 Responses by Institutions or Involved Individuals. The institution and all involved individuals may respond to the notice of allegations or, in accordance with applicable operating procedures, allegations issued by the enforcement staff as supplemented or amended by the Complex Case Unit. Any response shall be submitted to the hearing panel and Complex Case Unit, and pertinent portions to the institution and all involved individuals, by a deadline established by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.4 Reply by Complex Case Unit. The Complex Case Unit shall submit a written reply to any responses to the notice of allegations, or incorporate as its own a reply submitted by the enforcement staff prior to referral of the case. The Complex Case Unit shall submit the reply to the hearing panel, and pertinent portions to the institution and involved individuals, by a deadline established by the chief panel member.

(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.5 Submission of Information. The parties shall submit information for consideration by the hearing panel by a deadline established by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6 Prehearing Matters.

19.11.5.6.1 Procedural Matters. The chief panel member has authority to resolve procedural and other matters that arise prior to the hearing. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6.2 Scheduling of Deadlines. Upon referral, the chief panel member has authority to schedule deadlines for supplemental investigation, if any, case processing, submission of information and other matters related to the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6.2.1 Case Management Conferences. The chief panel member may conduct a conference to schedule deadlines related to the case and/or address matters related to deadlines in the case. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.6.3 Hearing Status Conference. After the Complex Case Unit submits its reply in accordance with Bylaw 19.11.5.4, the chief panel member shall conduct a hearing status conference with the parties. The conference shall address any procedural matters to be resolved before the hearing, disputes between the parties, scheduling and logistics of the hearing, hearing attendees, order and manner of presentation of information at the hearing, issues to be discussed during the hearing and other matters related to the hearing. The chief panel member has authority to decide such matters. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7 Hearings. The hearing panel shall hold a hearing to make factual findings and conclude whether violations of NCAA bylaws occurred and, if so, to prescribe appropriate penalties as set forth in Bylaw 19.9 unless all participating parties agree to submit the case in writing without a hearing. The chief panel member shall preside over the hearing and oversee hearing administration and logistics. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 8/1/22)*

19.11.5.7.1 Information Presented at Hearings. At the hearing, the parties or their representatives have the obligation to present, to the extent reasonably possible, material, relevant information necessary for the hearing panel to reach an informed decision, including information that corroborates or refutes an allegation. The parties shall present information in accordance with applicable operating procedures and any decisions by the chief panel member. The panel may exclude information that it determines to be irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.1.1 Information from Confidential Sources. At the hearing, the parties shall present only information that can be attributed to individuals who are willing to be identified. Information obtained from individuals not wishing to be identified shall not be relied on by the hearing panel in concluding whether a violation occurred. Such confidential sources shall not be identified to the hearing panel, the institution or an involved individual. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.2 Scope of Inquiry. When an institution and/or involved individual appears before a hearing panel to discuss a response to the notice of allegations, the hearing shall be directed toward the general scope of the notice of allegations but shall not preclude the panel from concluding that a violation occurred based on information developed or discussed during the hearing. In any case, the panel may make specific factual findings based on information presented by the parties or at a hearing even if different from the notice of allegations. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3 Appearance and Hearing Attendees. All parties to the case must appear before the hearing panel, unless otherwise approved by the chief panel member. Except as otherwise provided herein or as approved or ordered by the chief panel member, only institutional representatives, involved individuals, Complex Case Unit representatives, hearing panel members, a representative from the institution's conference, a representative from a member institution employing an involved individual at the time of the hearing, select NCAA staff representatives, the audio recorder, the court reporter, other technical and support staff as approved by chief panel member, individuals with information germane to the case as approved by the chief panel member and individuals otherwise requested by the chief panel member may attend the hearing. An individual who appears before the panel may appear with personal legal counsel. The chief panel member may exclude an individual and the individual's representative from portions of the hearing concerning matters in which the individual is not involved. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3.1 Request for Specific Individuals. Institutional officials, current or former staff members, or enrolled student-athletes who are specifically requested by the chief panel member to appear before the hearing panel are expected to appear and may be accompanied by personal legal counsel. Failure to appear may result in a violation of this bylaw. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.3.2 Institutional Representatives. Except as otherwise approved or ordered by the chief panel member, at the time an institution appears before the hearing panel, its representatives should include the president or chancellor, head coach of the sport(s) in question, director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative, legal counsel and/or other representatives, and other individuals whose attendance is requested by the chief panel member. Additional individuals may be included among the institution's representatives only if approved by the chief panel member. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.7.4 Recording of Proceedings. The proceedings of the hearing shall be transcribed by a court reporter (unless otherwise approved by the chief panel member) and shall be recorded by the hearing panel. No additional verbatim recording of the proceedings will be permitted. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8 Deliberations. The hearing panel shall deliberate following presentations by the parties.

(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)

19.11.5.8.1 Request for Additional Information. In arriving at its decision, the hearing panel may request additional information from the parties. If additional information is requested, all parties will be afforded an opportunity to respond at the time such information is provided. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.2 Request for Interpretation. The hearing panel may request that the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff provide an interpretation of applicable legislation based on facts submitted by the hearing panel. If an interpretation is requested, the institution, involved individuals and the Complex Case Unit will be notified in writing of the interpretation request and the response. The institution may appeal the interpretation in accordance with Bylaw 9.3.1.2. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3 Basis of Decision. The hearing panel shall base its decision on information presented to it that it determines to be credible, persuasive and of a kind on which reasonably prudent persons rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The information upon which the panel bases its decision may be information that directly or circumstantially supports the alleged violation. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.1 Importation of Facts. Facts established by a decision or judgment of a court, agency, accrediting body, or other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, which is not under appeal, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by a member institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees and regardless of whether the facts are accepted by the institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees, may be accepted as true in the infractions process in concluding whether an institution or individual participating in the previous matter violated NCAA legislation. Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.2 Materials Not Produced. The hearing panel may infer that materials requested during an investigation by the Complex Case Unit and/or enforcement staff but not produced by an institution or individual would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to a penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.3 Failure to Participate in Interview. The hearing panel may view the failure or refusal to participate in an interview requested by the Complex Case Unit and/or enforcement staff as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to a penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.3.4 Failure to Submit Timely Response to Notice of Allegations. The hearing panel may view the failure by an institution or individual to submit a timely response to a notice of allegations as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9, occurred. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.4 Calculation of Penalty. If a hearing panel concludes that a violation occurred, it shall prescribe an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 or recommend to the Board of Directors suspension or termination of membership in an appropriate case. Failure to fully implement the prescribed penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution, and/or an institution employing an involved individual under a show-cause order, to further disciplinary action by the Independent Resolution Panel. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.5.8.4.1 Penalties Prescribed in Prior Cases. Penalties prescribed by the Committee on Infractions and Independent Resolution Panel in prior infractions cases shall have no precedential value. *(Adopted: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6 Notification of Independent Resolution Panel Decision.

19.11.6.1 Infractions Decision. After a hearing, the hearing panel shall prepare and approve the final written infractions decision, which shall contain a statement of the findings of fact, conclusions of violations, penalties, corrective actions, requirements and (for institutions) any other conditions and obligations of membership. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.1.1 Provision of Decision to the Parties. The decision shall be sent to the chancellor or president of the involved institution (or a designee), any involved individuals, the Office of the Committees on Infractions and the Complex Case Unit. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.1.2 Public Infractions Decision. Once the decision has been provided to the parties, the hearing panel shall release a public infractions decision. The public infractions decision will not include names of individuals, but the panel may, at its discretion, identify the chancellor or president of the institution (in cases involving lack of institutional control); the director of athletics and/or any individual with direct responsibility and oversight of the athletics department (in cases involving lack of control or failure to monitor); the head coach(es) of the sport(s) involved; and, if appropriate, the chair or other members of the institution's governing body. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.11.6.2 Finality of Decision. Any decision by a hearing panel shall be final, binding and conclusive, and shall not be subject to further review by any governance body. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

19.12 Notice of Allegations, Opportunity to Respond and Penalties (Level III Cases).

19.12.1 General Process for Alleged Violations. A Level III case is a case presenting Level III violations that do not collectively constitute a Level II violation. An institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order in a Level III case may be represented by legal counsel and shall be provided the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 4/14/17)*

- (a) Notice of any specific allegations and the facts upon which such allegations are based; and
- (b) An opportunity to provide a written response to the vice president of enforcement (or a designee) to answer such allegations by the production of factual information and to appeal to a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions.

19.12.2 Determination by Enforcement Staff. After reviewing relevant information and consulting with the institution or involved individual, the enforcement staff shall conclude whether one or more Level III violations occurred. If the enforcement staff concludes that the alleged violation(s) should not be processed as a Level III case, it may process the case as Level I or Level II case, as appropriate, or determine that no further action is required. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/14/17)*

19.12.3 Authority to Prescribe Penalties. As authorized by the Committee on Infractions, upon a conclusion that one or more Level III violations occurred, the vice president of enforcement (or a designee) may determine whether a penalty is warranted and, if so, prescribe and announce an appropriate penalty pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.8. Failure to fully implement the penalty may be considered a violation and/or may subject the institution to further disciplinary action by the NCAA. Failure to fully implement self-imposed actions may also subject the institution to further disciplinary action by the NCAA. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.12.4 Appeal to Committee on Infractions. If an institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order disputes an action by the enforcement staff regarding a Level III violation, the institution or involved individual may appeal by submitting a notice of appeal through the online reporting system for Level III violations within 15 days after receipt of the enforcement staff's decision. An institution that self-reports a violation may appeal a penalty prescribed by the enforcement staff, but not the violation. An institution or involved individual subject to a show-cause order may request the opportunity to appear in person or by video or telephone conference. If no such request is made, or if the request is denied, a hearing panel of the committee will review the appeal on the basis of the written record. The panel shall not deny an involved individual's request to appear in person if a show-cause order was prescribed. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.12.4.1 Stay of Penalties. If a notice of appeal is filed within the deadline, unless ordered otherwise by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions, any penalties prescribed by the enforcement staff that have been appealed shall be stayed during the pendency of the appeal. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.13 Restitution. If a student-athlete who is ineligible under the terms of the bylaws or other legislation of the Association is permitted to participate in intercollegiate competition contrary to such NCAA legislation but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction operative against the institution attended by such student-athlete or against the Association, or both, and said injunction is voluntarily vacated, stayed or reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, the Board of Directors may take any one or more of the following actions against such institution in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing institutions: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/1/22)*

- (a) Require that individual records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;
- (b) Require that team records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;

- (c) Require that team victories achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be abrogated and the games or events forfeited to the opposing institutions;
- (d) Require that individual awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be returned to the Association, the sponsor or the competing institution supplying same;
- (e) Require that team awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be returned to the Association, the sponsor or the competing institution supplying same;
- (f) Determine that the institution is ineligible for one or more NCAA championships in the sports and in the seasons in which such ineligible student-athlete participated;
- (g) Determine that the institution is ineligible for invitational and postseason meets and tournaments in the sports and in the seasons in which such ineligible student-athlete participated;
- (h) Require that the institution shall remit to the NCAA the institution's share of television receipts (other than the portion shared with other conference members) for appearing on any live television series or program if such ineligible student-athlete participates in the contest(s) selected for such telecast, or if the Board of Directors concludes that the institution would not have been selected for such telecast but for the participation of such ineligible student-athlete during the season of the telecast; any such funds thus remitted shall be devoted to the NCAA postgraduate scholarship program; and
- (i) Require that the institution that has been represented in an NCAA championship by such a student-athlete shall be assessed a financial penalty as determined by the Committee on Infractions.

FIGURE 19-1
Penalty Guidelines

(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, 8/8/18, 1/23/19)

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Competition Penalties: Postseason Ban *Competition penalties may be used singularly or in combination				
Aggravation		1 to 5 years				
Standard	Aggravation	1 to 2 years				
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 1 year				
	Mitigation	0				

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Financial Penalties: Fine based on percent of total budget for sport program	Financial Penalties: Fine based on participation in NCAA championship and other postseason contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competed (see Bylaw 19.9.5.2.1)	Financial Penalties: Negative revenue from sport program for years in which violations occurred	Financial Penalties: Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary distribution for sports sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid	Financial Penalties: Loss of all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including NCAA Men's Basketball Championship) for entire period of postseason ban
Aggravation		\$5,000 plus 3 to 5%	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty
Standard	Aggravation	\$5,000 plus 1 to 3%	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	
Mitigation	Standard	\$5,000 plus 0 to 1%	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	
	Mitigation	\$5,000*	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	Alternative financial penalty	
		*A minimum \$5,000 financial penalty will be imposed to ensure the penalty will be at least as significant as the fine imposed for a Level III violation.				

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Scholarship Reductions of Involved Sport Program*		
Aggravation		10 to 25%	*For cases in which financial aid overages have occurred, a minimum 2-for-1 reduction in financial aid awards shall apply up to at least 20% of the team financial aid limit.	
Standard	Aggravation	5 to 15%		
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 10%		
	Mitigation	0 to 5%		

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Show-Cause Order	Restrictions	
Aggravation		3 years to lifetime	All athletically related duties	
Standard	Aggravation	2 to 5 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 2 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	
	Mitigation	0 to 1 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)	

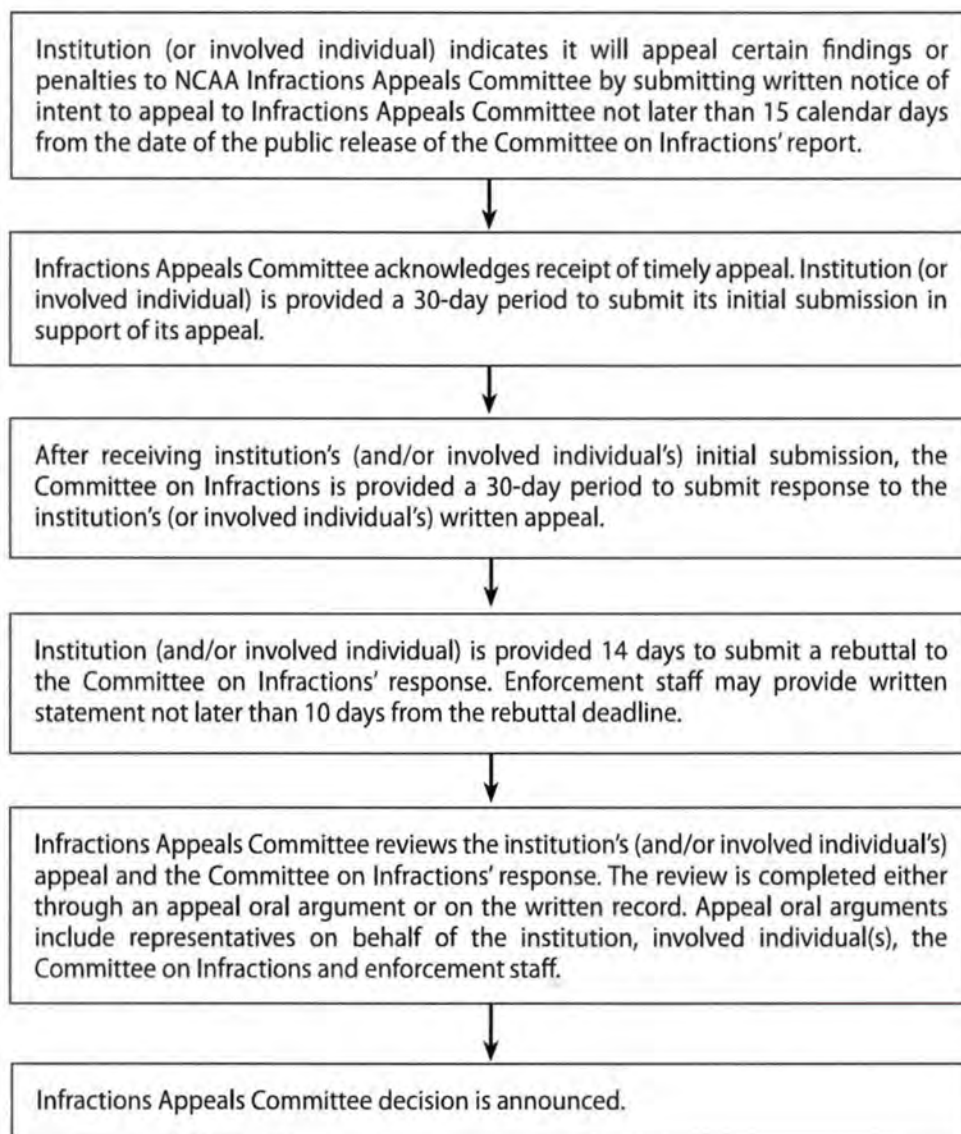
Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Head Coach Restrictions (game suspensions via show cause for Bylaw 11.1.1.1)		
Aggravation		50 to 100% of season plus % of additional seasons		
Standard	Aggravation	30 to 50% of season		
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 30% of season		
	Mitigation	0 to 10% of season		

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
Aggravation		<p>25 to 100%</p> <p>14- to 52-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>25 to 100% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 14 to 56 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any)</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 4 to 14 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period)</p> <p>Women's Basketball: 3 to 12 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period)</p> <p>Baseball: 7 to 25 visits</p>	<p>25 to 50%</p> <p>14- to 26-week ban on communication with all prospective student-athletes</p>	<p>25 to 50%</p> <p>Sports with no limits: 14- to 26-week ban on all contacts and evaluations</p> <p>25 to 50% cuts in Recruiting Person Days (RPD) or Evaluation Days (ED)</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 33 to 65 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 28 to 56 (RPD) Football: 11 to 21 Fall; 42 to 84 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 13 to 25 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 20 to 40 (ED)</p> <p>Men's Golf: 12 to 23 (ED)</p>
Standard	Aggravation	<p>12.5 to 25%</p> <p>7- to 13-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>12.5 to 25% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 7 to 14 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any)</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 2 to 4 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period)</p> <p>Women's Basketball: 2 to 3 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period)</p> <p>Baseball: 4 to 7 visits</p>	<p>12.5 to 25%</p> <p>7- to 13-week ban</p>	<p>12.5 to 25%</p> <p>No-limit sports: 7- to 13-week ban</p> <p>12.5 to 25% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 17 to 33 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 14 to 28 (RPD)</p> <p>Football: 6 to 11 Fall; 21 to 42 Spring (ED)</p> <p>Women's Beach Volleyball: 7 to 13 (ED)</p> <p>Women's Volleyball: 10 to 20 (ED)</p> <p>Men's Golf: 6 to 12 (ED)</p>

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 0 to 12.5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 0 to 7 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Basketball: 0 to 2 visits (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 0 to 4 visits	0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban	0 to 12.5% No-limit sports: 0 to 6-week ban 0 to 12.5% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 0 to 17 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 14 (RPD) Football: 0 to 6 Fall; 0 to 21 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 0 to 7 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 10 (ED) Men's Golf: 0 to 6 (ED)
	Mitigation	0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets) 0 to 5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years) Football: 0 to 3 visits Basketball: 0 to 1 visit (need to account for rolling two-year period) Baseball: 0 to 2 visits	0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban	0 to 5% No-limit sports: 0 to 3-week ban 0 to 5% cuts in RPD or ED Men's Basketball: 0 to 7 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 6 (RPD) Football: 0 to 3 Fall; 0 to 9 Spring (ED) Women's Beach Volleyball: 0 to 3 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 4 (ED) Men's Golf: 0 to 3 (ED)

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Probation		
Aggravation		4 to 10 years		
Standard	Aggravation	3 to 6 years		
Mitigation	Standard	2 to 4 years		
	Mitigation	0 to 2 years		

FIGURE 19-2
Processing a Typical NCAA Infractions Appeals Case



BYLAWS, ARTICLE 20

Division Membership

20.01 General Principles.

20.01.1 Membership in the Association. Eligibility for membership in the Association; conditions, obligations and classes of Association membership; and procedures governing the termination, suspension and reinstatement of such membership are governed by this article. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.2 Division Membership. Each active member institution and member conference is designated as a member of Division I, II or III for certain legislative and competitive purposes. In football, Division I is divided into the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Football Championship Subdivision (see Bylaw 20.8.1). Multidivision classification is permitted under specified circumstances (see Bylaw 20.6). *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.01.3 Revenue Guarantee. [♦] All member institutions and conferences in good standing with Division I membership requirements shall receive revenue from all gross revenue sources received by the Association, unless specifically excluded, through the division's revenue distribution formulas. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/2/16, 1/20/22)*

20.01.3.1 Revenue From New Subdivision Championship. [♦] This provision shall not apply to the distribution of revenue produced directly by a new subdivisional championship in a sport that has a subdivisional championship at the time of the adoption of this legislation. Any revenue produced by such a new subdivisional championship shall be distributed as determined by that subdivision. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.3.2 Revenue Distribution Formula. [♦] As used in this section, the components of the division's revenue distribution formulas as they existed at the time of the adoption of this legislation include the Academic Enhancement, Academic Performance, Basketball Performance, Conference Grant, Equal Conference, Grants-in-Aid, Student Assistance, and Sports Sponsorship funds, and the supplemental and reserve funds intended for distribution to the membership. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.3.2.1 Proportion of Revenue. [♦] The revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January 20, 2022. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97, 1/20/22)*

20.01.3.2.2 Formula for Allocation. [♦] The formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January 20, 2022. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.3.2.3 Waiver of Proportionality Requirement. The Board of Directors may waive the proportionality requirements of the revenue guarantee to permit uniform increases to all programs in the Academic Enhancement, Conference Grant and Student Assistance funds. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.4 Obligation to Meet Division Criteria. Division membership criteria constitute enforceable legislation. Each member institution shall comply with all applicable criteria of its division, and an institution that fails to do so shall be subject to the infractions process and to possible reclassification. *(Revised: 7/31/14, 1/20/22)*

20.01.5 Termination or Suspension of Membership. All rights and privileges of a member shall cease immediately upon termination or suspension of its membership. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.6 Joint Ventures. All marketing joint ventures, involving sports (other than bowl subdivision football) in which the NCAA sponsored a championship as of January 15, 1997, between the Association (or the Association's representative or agent) and a member conference or member institution (or the representative or agent of a member institution or conference) shall be reviewed by the Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

20.01.6.1 Definition. A marketing joint venture is any marketing program that uses the Association's marks or logos in conjunction with those of a conference or member institution. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.01.6.2 Approval Process. The principles and overall program of any joint venture defined in Bylaw 20.01.6.1 shall require the approval of the Council and Board of Directors to be enacted as an Association business operation. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/7/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

20.02 Definitions and Applications.

20.02.1 Competitive Body. A competitive body is an athletics conference that conducts competition among its member institutions and determines a conference champion in one or more sports. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.02.2 Legislative Body. A legislative body is an athletics conference that develops and maintains rules and regulations governing the athletics programs and activities of its member institutions. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.02.3 Membership Categories.

20.02.3.1 Active Member. An active member is a four-year college or university that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of this article (see Bylaw 20.2). Active members have the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (See Bylaw 20.2.2.1.1 regarding restrictions on the privileges of for-profit institutions.) *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/14/17, 1/20/22)*

20.02.3.1.1 Athletics Consortium. An athletics consortium consists of one member institution and neighboring member or nonmember institutions (but not more than one nonmember institution), recognized and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The student-athletes of the combined institutions are permitted to compete on the NCAA member institution's athletics teams, provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the NCAA and the member institution (see Bylaw 20.1.2). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/1/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

20.02.3.2 Member Conference. A member conference is a group of colleges and/or universities that conducts competition among its members and determines a conference champion in one or more sports (in which the NCAA conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition), duly elected to conference membership under the provisions of this article (see Bylaw 20.3.3). A member conference is entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete in NCAA championships (see Bylaw 20.3.2). Only those conferences that meet specific criteria as competitive and legislative bodies (see Bylaws 20.02.1 and 20.02.2) and minimum standards related to size and division status are permitted to vote on legislation or other issues before the Association. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.02.4 Multidivision Classification. Multidivision classification is the classification in which a sport is classified in a division other than the division in which an institution holds membership (see Bylaw 20.6). *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.5 Performance Criterion. A performance criterion is a requirement for membership or classification in a division that must be met by the member institution prior to the date that the requirement becomes effective (e.g., during the academic year preceding the effective date). Performance criteria include, but are not limited to, minimum sports sponsorship requirements, minimum scheduling requirements and minimum game-attendance requirements.

20.02.6 Restricted Membership. Restricted membership is a membership classification status assigned to an institution that fails to comply with the minimum requirements of its division (e.g., sports sponsorship, scheduling). The institution placed in such status loses eligibility for a number of membership privileges and has from one year to three years to comply with the requirement involved. Failure to comply shall result in the termination of the institution's membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.7 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid): *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 4/15/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/25/02, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 4/30/09, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/11, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

(a) **Team Sports:** acrobatics and tumbling, and rugby; and

(b) **Individual Sports:** equestrian, triathlon and wrestling.

20.02.7.1 Additional Emerging Sports. The Board of Directors periodically shall identify future emerging sports for women that shall be countable sports for revenue distribution and minimum sports sponsorship criteria and shall establish procedures to determine minimum contests and maximum grants in those sports. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.02.7.2 Removal of Emerging Sports. A sport shall no longer be considered an emerging sport once the sport has been established as a championship sport. Further, an emerging sport is limited to a 10-year period to become a championship sport unless it can be demonstrated that steady growth has occurred during that time. *(Adopted: 4/15/97)*

20.02.8 Multisport Conference. A Division I multisport conference shall satisfy the requirements of this section. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.8.1 Minimum Number of Members. A multisport conference shall be composed of at least seven active Division I members. The member conference shall include at least seven active Division I members that sponsor both men's and women's basketball. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.8.2 Sports Sponsorship. A multisport conference shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

- (a) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of 12 Division I sports;
- (b) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six men's sports, one of which shall be men's basketball. In addition to men's basketball, the conference shall sponsor football or two other men's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor men's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including football or two additional men's team sports; and
- (c) The conference shall sponsor a minimum of six women's sports, one of which shall be women's basketball. In addition to women's basketball, the conference shall sponsor two other women's team sports. A minimum of seven members shall sponsor women's basketball. A minimum of six members shall sponsor five other sports, including two additional women's team sports (or a minimum of five members for an emerging sport for women).

20.02.8.3 Regular-Season Conference Competition. Multisport conference members shall participate in regular-season conference competition, subject to the following requirements: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

- (a) Basketball teams shall participate in a regular-season conference schedule of a double round robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 regular-season conference contests;
- (b) In football or in a minimum of two men's team sports other than men's basketball [as required in Bylaw 20.02.8.2-(b)], teams shall compete in a minimum regular-season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular-season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue; and
- (c) In a minimum of two women's team sports other than women's basketball (as required in Bylaw 20.02.8.2), teams shall compete in a minimum regular-season conference schedule of five contests. A minimum of five regular-season conference contests must be hosted by one of the two competing teams at its home venue.

20.02.8.4 Continuity. A multisport conference shall establish continuity. To establish continuity, a multisport conference must meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.02.8.1. In addition, the conference must meet the requirements of Bylaws 20.02.8.2 and 20.02.8.3 for a period of eight consecutive years. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.8.5 Grace Period. A conference shall continue to be considered a multisport conference for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's noncompliance with the minimum multisport conference requirements. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.02.9 Football Bowl Subdivision Conference. A conference classified as a Football Bowl Subdivision conference shall be comprised of at least eight full Football Bowl Subdivision members that satisfy all bowl subdivision requirements. An institution shall be included as one of the eight full Football Bowl Subdivision members only if the institution participates in the conference schedule in at least six men's and eight women's conference-sponsored sports, including men's basketball and football and three women's team sports, including women's basketball. A conference-sponsored sport shall be a sport in which regular-season and/or championship opportunities are provided, consistent with the minimum standards identified by the applicable NCAA sport committee for automatic qualification. *(Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.9.1 Exception. A Football Bowl Subdivision member institution shall be permitted to count as one of its required six men's sports and one of its required eight women's sports a sport in which its conference does not sponsor or conduct a championship, provided the sport is one in which it participates in another Division I multisport or single-sport conference. Different sports may be counted for men and women. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.9.2 Grace Period. A conference shall continue to be considered a Football Bowl Subdivision conference for two years following the date when it fails to satisfy the eight full Football Bowl Subdivision member requirement due to one or more of its member's failure to comply with the bowl subdivision membership requirements. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.02.10 Full Grant. For purposes of Bylaw 20, a full grant is the value of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books. *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

20.1 Eligibility for Membership.

20.1.1 General. Membership is available to four-year colleges and universities that are accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies and are located in the United States, its territories or possessions, and athletics conferences. Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the bylaws. *(Revised: 8/9/07, 11/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2 Athletics Consortiums. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve an athletics consortium involving a member institution and neighboring member or

nonmember institutions (but not more than one nonmember institution) to permit the student-athletes of the combined institutions to compete on the member institution's intercollegiate athletics teams, provided the student-athletes satisfy the eligibility requirements of the member institution and the NCAA. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.1 General Policy. In general, a consortium shall be approved on the basis of existing academic considerations with the understanding that there shall be no change in the basic recruitment, enrollment or financial aid policies of the involved institutions as a result of such approval. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.2 Combining Entire Athletics Programs. The institutions shall combine their entire athletics programs, and the consortium shall not be formed on a sport-by-sport basis. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.3 Conference Approval. An institution that belongs to an NCAA member conference first shall receive approval of its conference prior to instituting a consortium for its intercollegiate athletics program. If more than one institution holds such conference membership, all such conferences shall approve the consortium. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.4 Eligibility Requirements for Student-Athletes. Participating student-athletes shall meet all eligibility requirements of the member institution(s), the athletics conference(s) involved and the NCAA. The member institution(s) shall certify the eligibility of all student-athletes under those rules. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.5 Financial Assistance to Student-Athletes. Within a consortium: *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Each institution shall be responsible for the financial assistance awarded to its student-athletes. The financial arrangement between or among the institutions for the exchange of funds to cover the academic costs of student-athletes who take part in the exchange program shall apply to student-athletes in the same manner as it applies to those students not participating in the intercollegiate athletics program;
- (b) One institution may not provide a scholarship or any other form of financial aid to a student-athlete enrolled in another institution or transmit a scholarship or grant-in-aid to another institution to be used by one or more of its student-athletes; and
- (c) Financial aid limitations as set forth in Bylaw 15 shall be applicable to the consortium as one entity and shall include all countable student-athletes, regardless of the institution in which they are enrolled.

20.1.2.6 Length of Approval. NCAA approval shall be for a four-academic-year period, at the end of which the institutions shall submit a report on the program, setting forth its effect upon their academic and athletics operations. *(Revised: 8/4/89, 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.7 NCAA Division Membership. The institutions may be members of different NCAA divisions but shall select one division for legislative and competitive purposes. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.8 NCAA Member Involvement. At least one of the institutions already shall be a member of the NCAA, and not more than one nonmember institution shall be included. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.9 NCAA Membership Application. The institutions shall apply for NCAA membership as a consortium and shall be considered as one member of the Association, with their combined names included on the official NCAA membership list. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.10 Prior Academic Consortium Relationship. The institutions shall have had a prior academic consortium relationship. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.1.2.11 Recruitment. It is permissible for one institution to recruit prospective student-athletes with a view to their possible enrollment at another institution in the consortium, provided the individuals qualify for admission to that institution and the athletics interests of the member institution are not involved, directly or indirectly, in influencing the admission or award of financial assistance. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 1/20/22)*

20.2 Active Membership.

20.2.1 Eligibility Requirements.

20.2.1.1 Types of Institutions. Active membership is available to four-year colleges and universities, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and pursuant to Board of Governors policy, and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of Bylaw 20.2.3. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/23/12, 10/30/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.1.2 Compliance With Association Rules. The institution shall administer its athletics programs in accordance with the bylaws. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.1.3 Standards. The institution's athletics programs shall reflect the establishment and maintenance of high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.2 Privileges.

20.2.2.1 Active Members. Active members shall be entitled to all of the privileges of membership under the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all privileges incidental thereto. *(Revised: 2/4/21, 1/20/22)*

20.2.2.1.1 Exception – For-Profit Institutions. For-profit institutions shall be restricted, as follows: *(Adopted: 4/14/17, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) A for-profit institution shall not have voting privileges at the annual NCAA Convention or any special Convention. The institution shall be entitled to three accredited delegates without voting privileges. Any of the accredited delegates shall be entitled to privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings;
- (b) A representative of a for-profit institution shall not be permitted to serve as a voting institutional representative on an NCAA committee; and
- (c) A for-profit institution shall not receive NCAA grants or financial distributions directly from the NCAA.

20.2.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Active members may use the registered marks of the Association (the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.3 Election Procedures.

20.2.3.1 Completion of Reclassification Process. An institution desiring to become an active member of Division I shall complete a reclassification period (see Bylaw 20.10). After the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined that the institution has met the requirements of reclassification, its request for active membership will be referred to the Board of Directors for election. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 5/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

20.2.3.2 Accreditation. After the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined that the institution is accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies, the application shall be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

20.2.3.3 Election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the Board of Directors members present and voting shall elect the applicant to membership effective the following August 1. When the vote of the Board of Directors has been completed, the applicant shall be notified. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.2.3.4 Resignation and Re-election to Membership. If an institution resigns its Division I membership and subsequently applies to re-establish its Division I membership, the institution shall complete the reclassification process (see Bylaw 20.7) before becoming eligible for re-election as an active member. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 1/26/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

20.2.4.1 General. An active member institution agrees to administer its athletics program in accordance with the bylaws. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.2 Obligation to Meet Division Criteria. Division membership criteria constitute enforceable legislation. Each member institution shall comply with all applicable criteria of its division, and an institution that fails to do so shall be subject to the infractions process and to possible reclassification. *(Revised: 7/31/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.3 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member institution shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every four years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every four years shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/11/21, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.4 Certification of Eligibility/Declaration of Ineligibility. An active member is responsible for certifying the eligibility of student-athletes under the terms of the bylaws before permitting a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Procedures for eligibility certification shall be approved by the president or chancellor, who may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. The institution shall be obligated immediately to apply all applicable rules and withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.11). See Bylaw 12.12 for procedures regarding restoration of eligibility. *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.5 Academic Performance Program. An active member institution is responsible for annually submitting documentation demonstrating its compliance with the academic performance program, including the submission of data for

the academic progress rate (APR), the academic performance census (APC) and the graduation success rate (GSR). The specific requirements of the academic performance program are set forth in Bylaw 14.8. (*Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 1/20/22*)

20.2.4.6 Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports. The constitution, bylaws and other legislation of this Association, unless otherwise specified therein, shall apply to all teams in sports recognized by the member institution as varsity intercollegiate sports and that involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females, and all-female teams. To be recognized as a varsity sport, the following conditions must be met: (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 3/8/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22*)

- (a) The sport shall be one in which the Association conducts championships, except as provided in Bylaw 20.10.6.1.1 or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.7;
- (b) The sport officially shall have been accorded varsity status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics;
- (c) The sport is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;
- (d) The eligibility of student-athletes participating in the sport shall be reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and
- (e) Qualified participants in the sport shall receive the institution's official varsity awards.

20.2.4.6.1 Intent to Sponsor a Varsity Sport. Once an institution evidences an intent or commitment to sponsor a sport on a varsity level (e.g., official announcement that competition will be conducted on a varsity basis, employment of individuals to coach the varsity team), the institution must begin applying NCAA recruiting regulations to the applicable sport. (*Revised: 1/14/97, 1/20/22*)

20.2.4.7 Student-Athlete Statement. An active member institution shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Legislative Committee, a signed statement for each student-athlete that provides information prescribed in Bylaw 12.7.2. (*Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22*)

20.2.4.8 Drug-Testing Program and Consent Form. An active member institution shall administer annually, a drug-testing consent form for each student-athlete (per Bylaw 12.02.14) pursuant to Bylaw 12.7.3 and shall ensure compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program: **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 5/29/15, 1/20/22*)

- (a) Respond to the initial drug-testing notification from Drug Free Sport International by the date specified by the organization;
- (b) Complete and forward to Drug Free Sport International a current and accurate institutional squad list (see Bylaw 15.5.11) by the date specified by the organization;
- (c) Provide adequate and secure drug-testing facilities as specified by Drug Free Sport International;
- (d) Notify student-athletes who have been selected for drug testing according to the timeline specified by Drug Free Sport International;
- (e) Respond to additional requests for assistance in administering the NCAA drug-testing program as specified by Drug Free Sport International;
- (f) Designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletics department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; and
- (g) Educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that:
 - (1) The NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes and provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website;
 - (2) Any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete's health and eligibility; and
 - (3) Questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics department resource individual (or individuals).

20.2.4.9 Certification of Insurance Coverage. An active member institution must certify insurance coverage for medical expenses resulting from athletically related injuries sustained by the following individuals while participating in a covered event: **[D]** (*Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/20/22*)

- (a) A student-athlete participating in a covered event in an intercollegiate sport as recognized by the participating institution; and

- (b) A prospective student-athlete participating in a covered event who has graduated from high school and signed a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid to participate in an intercollegiate sport at a participating institution.

20.2.4.9.1 Amount of Coverage Insurance. Such insurance coverage must be of equal or greater value than the deductible of the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program and may be provided through the following sources: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Parents or guardians' insurance coverage;
- (b) Participant's personal insurance coverage; or
- (c) Institution's insurance program.

20.2.4.9.2 Athletically Related Injuries. For purposes of this provision, athletically related injuries are injuries that are a direct result of participation in a covered event. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.9.3 Covered Event. A covered event includes the following: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Any intercollegiate sports activity, including team travel, competition, practices and conditioning sessions during the playing season (as defined in Bylaw 17.1.1);
- (b) An NCAA-sanctioned competition in which the insured person is an official competitor; or
- (c) Practice and conditioning sessions that are authorized, organized or directly supervised by athletics department personnel at the member institution other than during the playing season. Such sessions must occur on campus or at approved off-campus facilities as part of an intercollegiate athletics activity. For insured student-athletes or prospective student-athletes who compete in individual sports, off-campus intercollegiate athletics activities must be authorized by athletics department personnel at the participating school and take place at approved locations.

20.2.4.10 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/ Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information. An active member institution shall administer annually a statement for each student-athlete to voluntarily sign that provides information prescribed in Bylaw 12.7.4. *(Adopted: 4/23/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.11 Discipline of Members. Pursuant to directions of the Board of Directors or the annual Convention, an active member institution shall refrain from athletics competition with designated institutions as required under the provisions of the Association's infractions process (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.12 Standards. An active member institution agrees to establish and maintain high standards of personal honor, eligibility and fair play. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.13 Publication of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. An active member institution is obligated to publish its progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes (see Bylaw 14.4.1). *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.14 Missed Class-Time Policies. An active member institution is obligated to establish policies in all sports concerning student-athletes' missed class time due to participation in intercollegiate athletics and in athletics competition scheduled during final examination periods. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/25/15 effective 8/1/18, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.15 President or Chancellor Attestation of Compliance Obligations. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its president or chancellor attests, annually by October 15, to an understanding of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by the constitution (Principle of Institutional Control; Rules, Compliance and Accountability). [See Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d).] *(Adopted: 4/19/19 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.16 Compliance-Related Certification. A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless it certifies [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(e)] that the conditions of Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1 have been satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 3/8/06, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.17 Operating and Capital Financial Data Report. An institution shall submit financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA on an annual basis in accordance with the financial reporting policies and procedures. The required data shall include, but is not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) All expenses and revenues for or on behalf of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program, including those by any affiliated or outside organization, agency or group of individuals;
- (b) Salary and benefits data for all athletics positions. The data shall include base salary, bonuses, endorsements, media fees, camp or clinic income, deferred income and other income contractually guaranteed by the institution;
- (c) Capital expenditures (to be reported in aggregate for athletics facilities), including capitalized additions and deletions to facilities during the reporting period, total estimated book value of athletically related plant and equipment net of depreciation, total annual debt service on athletics and university facilities and total debt outstanding on athletics and university facilities;
- (d) Value of endowments at fiscal year-end that are dedicated to the sole support of athletics;
- (e) Value of all pledges at fiscal year-end that support athletics; and
- (f) The athletics department fiscal year-end fund balance.

20.2.4.17.1 Verification and Certification. The report shall be subject to annual agreed-on verification procedures approved by the membership (in addition to any regular financial reporting policies and procedures of the institution) and conducted by a qualified independent accountant who is not a staff member of the institution and who is selected by the institution's chancellor or president or by an institutional administrator from outside the athletics department designated by the chancellor or president. The independent accountant shall verify the accuracy and completeness of the data prior to submission to the institution's chancellor or president and the NCAA. The institution's chancellor or president shall certify the financial report prior to submission to the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.18 Designation of Team Physician. [A] An active member institution shall designate a team physician for all or each of its intercollegiate teams. The team physician shall be a doctor of medicine (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) with a current license in good standing to practice medicine in the state in which the institution is located. The team physician shall be authorized to oversee the medical services for injuries and illnesses incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.19 Independent Medical Care. [A] An active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes. An active institution shall designate an athletics health care administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery. *(Adopted: 1/15/16 effective 8/1/16, Revised: 10/7/16, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.19.1 Application to Nonautonomy Conferences. [A] A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall apply the provisions of Bylaw 20.2.4.19. *(Adopted: 10/30/19 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.20 Concussion Management Plan. [A] An active member institution shall have a concussion management plan for its student-athletes. The plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/12/10, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) An annual process that ensures student-athletes are educated about the signs and symptoms of concussions. Student-athletes must acknowledge that they have received information about the signs and symptoms of concussions and that they have a responsibility to report concussion-related injuries and illnesses to a medical staff member;
- (b) A process that ensures a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions;
- (c) A policy that precludes a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion from returning to athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and
- (d) A policy that requires medical clearance for a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion to return to the athletics activity (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) as determined by a physician (e.g., team physician) or the physician's designee.

20.2.4.20.1 Concussion Safety Protocol. [A] An institution shall submit its Concussion Safety Protocol to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee by May 1 of each year. The protocol shall be consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and shall include: [D] *(Revised: 2/23/17, Adopted: 1/17/19, 2/13/20, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Policies and procedures that meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.2.4.20;
- (b) Procedures for preparticipation baseline testing of each student athlete;
- (c) Procedures for reducing exposure to head injuries;

- (d) Procedures for education about concussion, including a policy that addresses return-to-learn;
- (e) Procedures to ensure that proper and appropriate concussion management, consistent with best known practices and the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist, is made available to any student-athlete who has suffered a concussion;
- (f) Procedures requiring that the process of identifying, removing from game or practice, and assessing a student-athlete for a possible concussion are reviewed annually; and
- (g) A written certificate of compliance signed by the institution's athletics health care administrator.

20.2.4.20.1.1 Information to Concussion Safety Protocol Committee. [A] An institution shall provide information to the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee, as the committee may request, concerning any incident in which a student-athlete may have suffered a concussion. [D] *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.21 Concussion Reporting. An active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. *(Adopted: 1/22/20, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.22 Catastrophic Sport Injury Report. An active member institution shall submit data detailing student-athlete catastrophic fatalities, near fatalities and catastrophic injuries (e.g., injuries and illnesses related to head, neck, spine, cardiac, pulmonary, heat, sickle cell trait, eyes) to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures that govern such data as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [D] *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.23 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Failure to complete the student-athlete health and safety survey shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17, Revised: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20, 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.24 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.

20.2.4.24.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements. For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, an institution shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.24.2 Written Policies. An institution shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.25 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member institution shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.4.26 Degree Completion Program – Basketball. [A] An active member institution shall provide a former basketball student-athlete with financial aid to complete the individual's first baccalaureate degree, pursuant to the requirements of Bylaw 15.01.5.2.1. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.5 Loss of Active Membership.

20.2.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any active member failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for such membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be suspended, terminated or otherwise disciplined by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

- (a) A notice of intention to suspend or terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such a motion will be based, is given in writing to the chair of the Board of Directors and to the president or chancellor of the member institution on or before the first day of November prior to the Convention;
- (b) The Board of Directors approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination; and
- (c) Such notice is included in the Official Notice of the annual Convention.

20.2.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease upon any termination or suspension of active membership. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.5.2 Removal of Accreditation. If an active member's accreditation is removed by its regional accrediting agency, it shall immediately forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.2.5.3 Failure to Pay Dues. If an active member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.5.4 Failure to Satisfy the Academic Performance Program. A member institution may be placed in a restricted membership category if the institution or its sports team(s) has failed to comply with the established requirements of the academic performance program. (See Bylaw 14.8.) *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/27/11 applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 1/20/22)*

20.2.5.5 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any active member whose membership has been terminated (see Bylaw 20.5.5.1) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.5.6 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any active member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.2.6 Discipline of Active Members. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be affected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 7/31/14, 1/20/22)*

20.2.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of the disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions or the Independent Resolution Panel. Disciplined members also may be restored to good standing at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting. *(Revised: 8/18/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)*

20.3 Member Conference.

20.3.1 Eligibility.

20.3.1.1 Competitive and Legislative Body. A member conference shall be both a competitive and a legislative body on the conference level (see Bylaws 20.02.7 and 20.02.8). *(Revised: 1/25/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.1.2 Conference Competition Requirement. Conference membership is available to duly elected athletics conferences of colleges and universities that conduct conference competition and determine a champion in one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.1.3 Composition of Conference. Composition of Conference. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of Division I or be engaged in the reclassification process pursuant to Bylaw 20.8. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.2 Privileges.

20.3.2.1 Privileges of Member Conferences. Member conferences shall be entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete as such in NCAA championships. *(Revised: 2/24/21, 1/20/22)*

20.3.2.2 Voting Rights. Only those member conferences that meet the criteria of Bylaw 20.02.8 shall be permitted to vote on issues before the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.2.2.1 Football Issues. Conference championship competition shall be conducted in football in order for the conference to vote on issues pertaining only to football. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.2.3 Use of Association's Registered Marks. Member conferences may use the registered marks of the Association (the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 10/30/14, 1/20/22)*

20.3.3 Election Procedures.

20.3.3.1 Application. An athletics conference desiring to become a member conference shall make application on a form available from the national office by June 1 for membership effective August 1 of the following academic year. A check in

the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Bylaw 20.9.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.3.2 Election. An athletics conference may be elected as a member conference by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, effective the following August 1. *(Revised: 4/25/02, 11/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/20/22)*

20.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

20.3.4.1 General. The member conferences of this Association agree to administer their athletics programs in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every four years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every four years shall subject a member conference to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 7/27/20 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 1/11/21, 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.3 Conference Competition. Member conferences shall conduct conference competition and determine a champion in one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.4 Officiating. A multisport conference shall provide oversight of the officiating programs for selecting, training and assigning officials for its men's and women's basketball programs. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.5 Compliance Program. A multisport conference shall have a comprehensive compliance program. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.6 Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each conference shall establish a student-athlete advisory committee for its member institutions' student-athletes. The composition and duties of the committee shall be determined by the conference. *(Adopted: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.7 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Likeness.

20.3.4.7.1 Contracts and Commercial Agreements. For agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness, a conference shall include language in all licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that outlines the commercial entity's obligation to comply with relevant NCAA legislation, interpretations and policies on the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.7.2 Written Policies. A conference shall maintain written policies for its licensing, marketing, sponsorship, advertising, broadcast and other commercial agreements that may involve the use of a student-athlete's name or likeness. Such policies shall be made available for examination on request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.8 Academic Performance Program. A conference shall maintain a written policy regarding teams that are subject to a postseason restriction pursuant to the academic performance program (see Bylaw 14.8) with respect to the conference's automatic qualification for postseason/championships and revenue distribution. The policy shall be made available for examination upon request by an NCAA staff member or an authorized representative of the NCAA. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 applicable to postseason competition occurring on or after 8/1/12, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.4.9 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. *(Adopted: 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20, Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.5 Loss of Member Conference Status.

20.3.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any member conference failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be suspended or terminated or the member conference otherwise disciplined by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at an annual Convention. Membership shall not be suspended or terminated unless: *(Revised: 3/8/06, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Notice of intention to suspend or terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such motion will be based, is given in writing to the secretary of this Association and to the president or chancellor of the member conference on or before the first day of November prior to the Convention;
- (b) The Board of Directors approves the notification of intention to move for suspension or termination; and
- (c) Such notice is included in the Official Notice of the annual Convention.

20.3.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the member shall cease upon any termination or suspension of conference membership. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If a member conference fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any member conference whose membership has been terminated (see Bylaw 20.3.5.1) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any member conference whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention. *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.3.6 Discipline of Member Conferences. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be affected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules (see Bylaw 19). *(Revised: 7/31/14, 1/20/22)*

20.3.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing under the terms of disciplinary action taken or, at the annual Convention, by majority vote of the members present and voting. *(Revised: 10/31/12 effective 8/1/13, 1/20/22)*

20.4 Dues of Members.

20.4.1 Determination of Dues. The annual dues of the various classes of membership shall be recommended to the membership by the Board of Governors. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 12/5/06, 10/30/14, 1/20/22)*

20.4.2 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be:

Active Members	\$1,800.00
Member Conferences	\$900.00

(Revised: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)

20.4.3 Payment Deadline. Dues are payable September 1 of each year. A member shall not be permitted to vote at a Convention of the Association if its dues are not paid for that year. To be eligible to compete in NCAA championships, dues shall be paid in accordance with Bylaw 31.2.1.2. Membership is terminated if a member fails to pay dues for one year (see Bylaws 20.5.5.3 and 20.3.5.2). *(Revised: 1/20/22)*

20.5 Establishment of and Compliance With Division Criteria.

20.5.1 Adoption of Criteria. The members of the division, through the legislative process, may establish division criteria for membership and competition by sport.

20.5.2 Effective Date and Compliance Period. In establishing criteria, the members of the division shall specify the effective date and compliance period, if any. Each institution (either as a member of that division or as an institution that competes in a sport in that division under the provisions of multidivision classification per Bylaw 20.6) shall conform to the requirements of the criteria by that effective date or by the end of the compliance period, whichever is later.

20.5.2.1 Deadline for Meeting Performance Criterion. An institution must comply with any specific performance criterion adopted by the membership of its division (e.g., that the institution sponsor a minimum number of sports, schedule and play a specific percentage or number of contests against opponents of a certain division, or demonstrate a specific level of paid attendance) by the end of the academic year prior to the effective date of the legislation.

20.5.3 Failure to Conform by Effective Date. If an institution has not conformed to the adopted criteria of its division by the effective date or the end of the prescribed compliance period, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies. If the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) does not qualify for any division, the institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) shall be reclassified in accordance with Bylaw 20.5.5.

20.5.4 Continuation of Compliance. To retain division membership or approved multidivision classification (per Bylaw 20.6), each member institution shall continue to meet division criteria when any grace period expires. If an institution fails to remain in compliance with its division's criteria, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies. If the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) does not qualify for any division, the institution shall be reclassified in accordance with Bylaw 20.5.5 and also shall be subject to the Association's infractions process. *(Revised: 7/31/14)*

20.5.5 Noncompliance and Waivers of Division Criteria.

20.5.5.1 Restricted Membership.

20.5.5.1.1 Minimum One-Year Compliance Period. If an institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) does not qualify for membership in any division, the institution (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) may be placed in a restricted membership category for a minimum of one year. At the conclusion of the minimum one-year period, the institution automatically shall be granted membership in its preferred division, provided the institution complies with the division's criteria. If the institution does not meet the criteria of any division at the end of the restricted membership period, the institution shall forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.5.5.1.2 Failure to Meet Minimum Sports Sponsorship Criteria.

20.5.5.1.2.1 One-Year Probationary Period. An institution that fails to meet either the minimum men's or women's sports sponsorship criterion for its division shall be placed on probation for one year for its entire program (both men's and women's sports) in the next academic year after noncompliance with sports sponsorship requirements is discovered. An institution shall be afforded the one-year probationary period for failure to comply with sports sponsorship criteria only once in every 10-year period. The 10-year period shall begin the September 1 following completion of the academic year in which the membership criterion is not met. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

20.5.5.1.2.2 Application of Restricted Membership Status. If an institution fails to meet the sports sponsorship criteria at the end of the probationary year or is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period, it shall be placed in restricted membership and shall not be eligible for NCAA championship competition in all sports (both men's and women's) in the first academic year after the probationary year (or the first academic year after failure to meet the requirements if the institution is ineligible for the once-in-10-year probationary period). If the institution still cannot certify compliance with the division criteria at the end of that year, it shall forfeit its membership in the Association. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.5.5.1.3 Failure to Meet Division Scheduling Requirement. An institution that fails to meet the division scheduling requirement in a sport shall be placed in the restricted membership category in that sport, with men's and women's teams in the same sport treated separately. The sport shall be in the restricted membership category for not longer than a three-year period.

20.5.5.1.4 Failure to Meet Financial Aid Minimums. An institution that fails to meet the financial aid minimums shall be placed in the restricted membership category for a period of one year. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01)*

20.5.5.1.5 Voting Privileges and Eligibility for Championships. The institution shall identify its preferred division and, during the period of restricted membership, shall be:

- (a) In compliance to the greatest extent possible with that division's scheduling criteria;
- (b) Bound by all other applicable rules of the Association;
- (c) Permitted to vote only on dominant issues, unless the restricted membership status is in one sport, in which case its loss of voting privileges shall apply only to that sport; and
- (d) Ineligible for NCAA championships and postseason football contests, unless the restricted membership status is in one sport, in which case loss of eligibility for championships and postseason football contests shall apply only to that sport.

20.5.5.1.6 Division Members Counting a Restricted Opponent. During the period of its restricted membership, an institution may be counted by its classified opponents as a member of the restricted institution's desired division for purposes of the opponents' meeting their division's scheduling criteria; however, a restricted member shall not count another restricted member for such purposes.

20.5.5.1.6.1 Restricted Members Counting a Restricted Opponent. A contest between two institutions in restricted membership status in a sport shall not be counted as a contest by either institution for purposes of the scheduling criterion in the sport in which they are restricted, provided this exception is not applied to more than 25 percent of an institution's contests in the sport in question for any particular season.

20.5.5.1.7 No Voluntary Selection of Restricted Membership Category. Restricted membership status is imposed only when an institution has failed to comply with division membership criteria. An institution is not permitted to select voluntarily or to request that it be placed in the restricted membership category.

20.5.5.1.8 Removal of Restricted Membership Status. When an institution that has been placed in restricted membership status wishes to return to its original membership division, it shall meet the criteria that were in effect at the time it became restricted or that have become effective since that time. If a restricted institution wishes to move to a

different membership division, it is considered a petitioner for change of division membership per Bylaw 20.7 and would be required to meet all of the new division's criteria at the time the institution leaves restricted status.

20.5.5.2 Loss of Membership.

20.5.5.2.1 Failure to Meet Three-Season Requirement. If an active member no longer meets the three-season requirement for either men or women, it shall immediately forfeit its membership in the Association. (*Revised: 5/8/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

20.5.5.3 Waivers of Division I Membership Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the Division I membership criteria according to the procedures specified below. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

20.5.5.3.1 Submission of Request. The institution shall submit its written request for a waiver to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, and it shall be received in the national office not later than September 15. The request shall be signed by the institution's president or chancellor and shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request. The committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the September 15 deadline due to circumstances beyond an institution's control. (*Revised: 1/19/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

20.5.5.3.2 Effective Date of Waiver. If the division votes to admit the institution as a member of that division, such classification shall become effective; (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) In accordance with the requirements of Bylaw 20.2.3.3 if a new member of the Association is involved;
- (b) September 1 following the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee action if an active member institution is seeking multidivision classification or change of division membership; or
- (c) Immediately if the institution receives a waiver of the restricted membership classification.

20.5.5.3.2.1 Maximum Three-Year Waiver Period. If after three years from the effective date of multidivision classification or reclassification (September 1 following the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee action) the institution receiving such a waiver has not conformed to all adopted criteria of the division, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6): (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) Shall be assigned to a division for which it qualifies in accordance with Bylaw 20.7.1.1; or
- (b) Shall be placed in the restricted membership category for a minimum of one year in accordance with Bylaw 20.5.5.1 if the member (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6) does not qualify for any division.

20.5.5.3.2.2 Eligibility for Championships. The institution receiving such a waiver shall be accorded all privileges of division membership during this waiver period; however, its eligibility for championships shall require compliance with the institutional eligibility requirements of Bylaw 20.6.3 or 20.7.3.

20.5.5.3.3 Rejection of Waiver Request. If the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee votes to reject the institution's request, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.6): (*Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) Shall be reassigned to a division for which it qualifies;
- (b) Shall be placed in the restricted membership category, if it does not qualify for any division (see Bylaw 20.5.5.1); or
- (c) Shall be required to repeat the membership process.

20.6 Multidivision Classification/Reclassification of Football Subdivision.

20.6.1 Multidivision Classification. A member of Division II or Division III may have a sport classified in Division I, provided the sport was so classified during the 2010-11 academic year. Such a classification shall continue until the institution fails to conduct the sport in Division I in any subsequent academic year. (*Revised: 8/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

20.6.1.1 Reclassification of a Sport of the Opposite Gender. A member of Division II or Division III that had one sport classified in Division I during the 2010-11 academic year may petition to have one sport of the opposite gender, other than football or basketball, classified in Division I, provided the original sport remains classified in Division I. (*Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12*)

20.6.1.1.1 Notification/Application Requirement. An institution's chancellor or president shall submit to the national office written notice of the institution's intention to reclassify and a completed application. The notice and

application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 two years prior to August 1 of the year the institution intends to reclassify the applicable sport. Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The notice and application shall be accompanied by a \$10,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.10.2) and the requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. If the institution fails to meet the requirements of reclassification, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the reclassification process. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16)*

20.6.1.1.2 Compliance With Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat the first year. If the institution meets all applicable division membership criteria of this article (other than scheduling requirements during the first year of reclassification) and complies for the two years preceding June 1 of the year the institution intends to reclassify the applicable sport with all other bylaw requirements as they pertain to the sport in question, the committee shall refer the institution's request for participation in the division in that sport to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 of the year that the institution selects as its effective date. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 7/22/13, 8/7/14, 10/6/17)*

20.6.1.1.3 Reclassification Requirements.

20.6.1.1.3.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Attend an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to the application of Division I membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 at the end of the first academic year based on feedback received from the previous year's report; and
- (c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.6.1.1.3.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/6/17)*

- (a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements; and
- (b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan confirming compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements; and
- (c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.6.1.1.3.3 Compliance Review Requirement. The institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) during the multidivision reclassification period. The review must be conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. *(Adopted: 10/27/11 process to begin with applications received by 6/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19)*

20.6.2 Football Subdivision Reclassification Options. A member of Division I may petition to be classified in football in the Football Bowl Subdivision or the Football Championship Subdivision. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.6.2.1 Reclassification from Football Championship Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision.

20.6.2.1.1 Eligibility for Reclassification. Before a Football Championship Subdivision institution may apply for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from a Football Bowl Subdivision conference or a conference that previously met the definition of a Football Bowl Subdivision conference (see Bylaw 20.02.9). *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.6.2.1.2 Notification/Application Requirement. The chancellor or president from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that intends to petition for reclassification to the Football Bowl Subdivision, per Bylaw 20.6.2, shall submit to the national office written notice of the institution's intention to reclassify and a completed application. The notice and application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 two years prior to the August 1 when the institution intends to reclassify to the Football Bowl Subdivision. Any form received after June 1 shall be postmarked not later than May 25. The notice and application shall be accompanied by a \$5,000 fee and a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.10.2) and any

requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. If the institution fails to qualify for membership in the Football Bowl Subdivision, the application fee shall be refunded, less any expenditure for educational costs related to the reclassification process. (*Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16*)

20.6.2.1.3 Compliance with Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat the first year. If the member has met all applicable division membership criteria of this article (other than scheduling requirements during the first year of reclassification) and has complied for the two years preceding June 1 with all other bylaw requirements as they pertain to the Football Bowl Subdivision, the committee shall refer the institution's request for participation in the Football Bowl Subdivision to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 of the year that the institution selects as its effective date. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/22/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

20.6.2.1.4 Reclassification Requirements.

20.6.2.1.4.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: (*Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) Attend an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to the application of Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend the orientation session are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan by June 1 at the end of the first academic year based on feedback received from the previous year's report; and
- (c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.6.2.1.4.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) Full compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements;
- (b) Submit an annual report and updated strategic plan confirming compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements; and
- (c) Report all violations as part of the required annual report.

20.6.2.1.4.3 Compliance Review Requirement. The institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) during the reclassification period. The review must be conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19*)

20.6.2.1.5 Waivers. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the requirements for reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision. (*Adopted: 4/25/18*)

20.6.3 Championships Eligibility. A member of Division I that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its football membership classification from Championship Subdivision to Bowl Subdivision per Bylaw 20.6.2.1 no longer shall be eligible for participation in the Division I Football Championship. (*Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 12/15/06*)

20.6.4 Compliance Review Requirement. At least once every four years, an active multidivisional institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., Division I multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report of the compliance review must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/23/19*)

20.6.4.1 Failure to Meet Deadline. A multidivisional institution that fails to complete a compliance review and submit a copy of the report to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee by the end of each four-year period shall be subject to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. (*Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/22/20 effective 8/1/20*)

20.7 Change of Division Membership.

20.7.1 Eligibility for Reclassification.

20.7.1.1 Division II Member. A member of Division II may petition to change its membership to Division I subject to the following prerequisites: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/21 effective 6/1/21)*

- (a) The institution shall have been an active Division II member for the preceding five years;
- (b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and
- (c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership from an active Division I multisport conference.

20.7.1.2 Division III Member.

20.7.1.2.1 Pre-Application Process. Before a member of Division III may submit an application to change its membership status to Division I, the institution must successfully complete a pre-application process of not less than one year. The pre-application process shall include, but is not limited to, a feasibility study and the development of a strategic plan and policies and procedures that demonstrate the institution's commitment to Division I membership. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall determine whether an institution has satisfied the requirements of the pre-application process and is prepared to submit an application for reclassification to Division I. *(Adopted: 4/28/21 effective 6/1/21)*

20.7.1.2.2 Application for Reclassification. A member of Division III may petition to change its membership to Division I after the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined the institution has satisfied the requirements of the pre-application process. The Division III member's reclassification application is subject to the following prerequisites: *(Adopted: 4/28/21 effective 6/1/21)*

- (a) The institution shall have been an active Division III member for the preceding five years;
- (b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship requirements and shall demonstrate an intent to comply with minimum Division I financial aid membership requirements during the first year of the reclassification process;
- (c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership from an active Division I multisport conference.

20.7.3 Requesting Reclassification. In order to petition to change its membership to Division I, the institution and its sponsoring conference shall complete an application and submit it to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee on a form approved by the committee. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.7.3.1 Deadline for Submission of Application. The application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 prior to the academic year in which the institution is seeking to begin its first year of the reclassification process. Any application received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.7.3.2 Application Fee. A fee shall accompany the application. The amount of the fee shall be determined each year based on the estimated annual average value of direct benefits through distributions and championships made available to Division I members. If an institution withdraws from the reclassification process, the application fee shall be refunded to the institution on a prorated basis -- 75 percent through year one, 50 percent through year two, 30 percent through year three and no refund thereafter. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.7.3.3 Initial Strategic Plan. The institution's application shall include an initial strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.10.2) and the requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The initial strategic plan must be approved by the sponsoring conference. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/19/13, 8/7/14, 10/5/16)*

20.7.3.4 Notification of Infractions Matters. The institution's application shall include notification whether it is, at the time of application, involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.7.3.5 Compliance With Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat a particular year. If the institution has met the reclassification criteria of this article and has complied for the four years preceding June 1 with all other requirements set forth in this bylaw, the committee shall refer the institution's request for active Division I membership to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 following such election. However,

the committee may deny referral of a reclassifying institution to the Board of Directors for advancement to active Division I status if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the Division I Academic Performance Program. An institution shall not be elected to active membership in Division I if it is subject to an Academic Performance Program penalty. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09 applicable to institutions in the provisional or reclassifying processes as of 8/1/09 and those beginning either process on or after 8/1/09, 10/28/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.7.3.5.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 3/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (c) Attendance at the Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (d) Apply all Division I legislation, except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress-toward-degree, five-year rule) for student-athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to the institution entering year one of the reclassification process;
- (e) Completion of an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;
- (f) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (g) Submit an annual report and a strategic plan by June 1. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.7.3.5.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements;
- (b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- (c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (d) Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to the findings and recommendations;
- (e) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (f) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violation.

20.7.3.5.3 Third Year. During the third year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (c) Completion of an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;
- (d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.7.3.5.4 Fourth Year. During the fourth year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/5/16, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Successfully complete an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;
- (b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (d) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (e) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.7.4 Timing of Monetary Distributions. The institution shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid after its third academic year as an active Division I member. The institution shall qualify to receive the Student Assistance Fund, Academic Enhancement Fund, Academic Performance Fund, Basketball Performance Fund and Equal Conference Distribution Fund, as determined by its sponsoring conference, beginning with the first year of active membership. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/24/12, 10/25/13, 5/16/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.7.5 Championships Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships in Division I as of the effective August 1 following election to active membership, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in those championships. In addition, a member of Division I shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.8 Division Legislation.

20.8.1 Applicable Legislation. A member institution shall observe the applicable legislation and requirements of its membership division. However, if the institution is eligible to participate in a sport in Division I (see Bylaw 20.6 for multidivision-classification privileges), it shall apply the rules of Division I that govern the sport in question. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.8.1.1.1 Football Championship Subdivision Member Electing Football Bowl Subdivision Legislation. A Football Championship Subdivision member institution may elect to be governed by the legislation pertaining to the Football Bowl Subdivision, as follows: *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

- (a) The institution shall file a declaration of intent with the NCAA president. The declaration shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 preceding the applicable academic year. Any declaration received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25.
- (b) Once receipt of the declaration has been confirmed, the institution shall not be eligible for inclusion in championship subdivision football rankings or for consideration for the Division I Football Championship.

20.8.1.2 Division III Application. A Division III member institution that has a sport classified in Division I may apply Division I rules in that sport except the institution must apply the Division III financial aid regulations of Bylaw 15 in the Division I sport. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 2/7/20)*

20.8.1.2.1 Waivers. If a member institution conducts a men's or women's sport that was classified in Division I during the 1982-83 academic year, the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the application of the Division III regulations to such a sport. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.9 Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships.

20.9.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. [#] Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports: *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 7/31/15)*

Women's beach volleyball	Women's gymnastics	Men's volleyball (Divisions I and II)
Women's bowling	Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)	Men's water polo
Men's and women's fencing	Men's and women's rifle	Women's water polo
Men's gymnastics	Men's and women's skiing	

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

20.9.2 Division II Options When No Division II Championship Is Conducted. An active member institution that holds membership in Division II is eligible to compete in the Division I championship in those sports for which no championship is conducted in Division II. The Division II institution shall declare its intention to compete by June 1. This declaration of intent shall be effective for a minimum of three years. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)*

20.9.2.1 Participation in Division I Championship. To be eligible for the Division I championship in such a sport, the Division II member institution is required to meet all Division I institutional and individual eligibility requirements and may use Division I financial aid limitations in that sport as permitted under Bylaw 20.10.1.1. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)*

20.9.2.2 Exception for Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition. A Division II member institution that is eligible for a championship in another division because there is no championship in that sport in its membership division shall apply the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in the sport involved that applies to the division in which it declares its intention to compete.

20.10 Division I Membership.

20.10.1 Commitments to the Division I Collegiate Model. In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in the NCAA constitution, members of Division I support the following commitments in the belief that these commitments assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These commitments are not binding on member institutions, but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.1 The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation. Bylaws proposed and enacted by member institutions governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to foster competition in amateur athletics, promote the Association's enduring values and advance the Collegiate Model as set forth in the NCAA constitution. In some instances, a careful balancing of these values may be necessary to help achieve the purposes of the Association. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.2 The Commitment to Amateurism. Member institutions shall conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.3 The Commitment to Fair Competition. Bylaws shall be designed to promote the opportunity for institutions and eligible student-athletes to engage in fair competition. This commitment requires that all member institutions compete within the framework of the Collegiate Model of athletics in which athletics competition is an integral part of the student-athlete's effort to acquire a degree in higher education. The commitment to fair competition acknowledges that variability will exist among members, including facilities, geographic locations and resources, and that such variability should not be justification for future legislation. Areas affecting fair competition include, but are not limited to, personnel, eligibility and amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, the length of playing and practice seasons, and the number of institutional competitions per sport. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.4 The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship. It is the responsibility of each member institution to conduct its athletics programs and manage its staff members, representatives and student-athletes in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Member institutions are committed to encouraging behavior that advances the interests of the Association, its membership and the Collegiate Model of athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity and ethical conduct. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics programs. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.5 The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics programs, staff members, representatives and student-athletes to ensure compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the Association. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. It is also the responsibility of each member institution to report all breaches of conduct established by these bylaws to the Association in a timely manner and cooperate with the Association's infractions process. Upon a conclusion that one or more violations occurred, an institution shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be prescribed by the Association on behalf of the entire membership. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

20.10.1.6 The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to enhance the well-being of student-athletes who choose to participate and to prevent undue commercial or other influences that may interfere with their scholastic, athletics or related interests. The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes' activities, in all sports, are conducted to encourage academic success and individual development and as an integral part of the educational experience. Each member institution should also provide an environment that fosters fairness, sportsmanship, safety, honesty and positive relationships between student-athletes and representatives of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.7 The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards. Standards of the Association governing participation in intercollegiate athletics, including postseason competition, shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives and the opportunity for academic success, including graduation, of student-athletes who choose to participate at a member institution. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as an important component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. Each member institution's admission and academic standards for student-athletes shall be designed to promote academic progress and graduation and shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.8 The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards. Recruiting bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions, the Association's member institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. This commitment includes minimizing the role of external influences on prospective student-athletes and their families and preventing excessive contact or pressure in the recruitment process. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.1.9 The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion. The Division I membership believes in and is committed to the core values of diversity, inclusion and equity, because realization of those values improves the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhances excellence within the membership and in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The membership shall create diverse and inclusive environments, promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person, and include diverse perspectives in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Member

institutions, with assistance from the national office, are expected to develop inclusive practices that foster positive learning and competitive environments for student-athletes, as well as professional development and opportunities for athletics administrators, coaches and staff from diverse backgrounds. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.10.2 Division I Philosophy. Members of Division I support the following principles in the belief that the following statements provide further definition of the nature and purposes of the division. These statements are not binding on member institutions, but serve as additional guidance for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. A member of Division I: *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Subscribes to high standards of academic quality, as well as breadth of academic opportunity;
- (b) Strives in its athletics program for regional and national excellence and prominence. Accordingly, its recruitment of student-athletes and its emphasis on and support of its athletics program are, in most cases, regional and national in scope;
- (c) Recognizes the dual objective in its athletics program of serving both the university or college community (participants, student body, faculty-staff, alumni) and the general public (community, area, state, nation);
- (d) Believes in offering extensive opportunities for participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics for both men and women;
- (e) Sponsors at the highest feasible level of intercollegiate competition one or both of the traditional spectator-oriented, income-producing sports of football and basketball. In doing so, members of Division I recognize the differences in institutional objectives in support of football; therefore, the division provides competition in that sport in the Bowl Subdivision and the Championship Subdivision;
- (f) Believes in scheduling its athletics contests primarily with other members of Division I, especially in the emphasized, spectator-oriented sports, as a reflection of its goal of maintaining an appropriate competitive level in its sports program;
- (g) Maintains institutional control over all funds supporting athletics; and
- (h) Understands, respects and supports the programs and philosophies of other divisions. Occasionally, institutions from other divisions or athletics associations will seek membership in Division I. In such cases, the applicants should be required to meet, over a period of time, prescribed criteria for Division I membership in order to ensure that such institutions agree and comply with the principles and program objectives embodied in this statement.

20.10.3 Financial Aid Requirements.

20.10.3.1 Maximum Limitations. A member of Division I shall not make an award of financial aid (for which the recipient's athletics ability is considered in any degree) in excess of the number permitted by the provisions of the bylaws governing Division I financial aid awards limitations (see Bylaw 15.5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2 Minimum Awards. A member of Division I shall provide institutional financial assistance that equals one of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 9/1/97, 4/15/97 effective 8/1/98, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 4/13/99, 4/11/00, 4/10/01, 8/14/02, 4/28/05, 4/27/06, 6/11/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) A minimum of 50 percent of the maximum allowable grants in 14 sports, at least seven of which must be women's sports. If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80 percent of the full grants for men and 80 percent of the full grants for women in those sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70 percent of the full grants for men and 70 percent of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50 percent of the full grants for men and 50 percent of the full grants for women;
- (b) Financial aid representing a minimum aggregate expenditure of \$1,799,140 in 2022-23 (with at least \$899,571 in women's sports) and \$1,835,123 (with at least \$917,562 in women's sports) exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball, provided the aggregate grant value is not less than the equivalent of 38 full grants, with at least 19 full grants for women. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall adjust the minimum aggregate figure annually to reflect inflation, based on changes in average national tuition charges for regionally accredited institutions. The committee shall announce the revised figure in the fall each year for the following academic year. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be \$1,187,801 in 2022-23 and \$1,211,557 in 2023-24 for the gender without the basketball program, but in no case fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for that gender;
- (c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants awarded in football and men's and women's basketball. If the member institution does not provide men's or women's basketball, it shall sponsor a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program; or

- (d) A minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above, for institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b) or (c) above until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

20.10.3.2.1 Aid Counted Toward Minimum Requirements. All institutional financial aid (including any exempted aid) awarded by the member institution to a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) shall be used to meet the appropriate minimum. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/04, 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, 7/7/20)*

20.10.3.2.2 Student-Athlete Who Has Exhausted Eligibility or Used Medical Exemption. Countable financial aid awarded to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in a sport during a previous academic year and countable aid provided to a medically exempt student-athlete per Bylaw 15.5.1.3 may be used to meet the appropriate minimum. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

20.10.3.2.3 Award Requirement. To be included in reaching the appropriate minimum, the financial aid actually must be awarded. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.4 Multisport Student-Athlete. Financial aid awarded to multisport student-athletes shall be counted against the minimum requirements pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.9. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.5 Emerging Sports. Financial aid awarded to student-athletes in emerging sports for women, as defined in Bylaw 20.02.7, may be counted in reaching the appropriate financial aid minimum requirements as well as for revenue distribution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.6 Non-NCAA Sports. Financial aid awarded in non-NCAA sports per Bylaw 20.10.6.1.1 may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum, but financial aid awarded to those other than student-athletes (e.g., cheerleaders) shall not be counted. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.7 Exemptions – No Institutional Athletics Aid. Member institutions that did not award any athletically related financial aid in any sport as of January 11, 1991, shall be exempted from the minimum requirements. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.8 On-Campus Employment. On-campus employment earnings during the academic year outside the athletics department for which athletics interests of the institution do not intercede on behalf of the student-athlete are not countable for team equivalency purposes per Bylaw 15.02.5.2-(a) but may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

20.10.3.2.9 Submission of Annual Form. A member institution must submit its annual form regarding minimum financial aid awards to the NCAA national office not later than September 15. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01)*

20.10.3.2.10 Waiver of Minimum Financial Aid Awards. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the minimum financial aid awards required for Division I membership based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of that legislation. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.4 Regular-Season Eligibility. A member institution shall conduct its regular-season competition under eligibility rules at least as stringent as the provisions of Bylaw 14.

20.10.5 Three-Season Requirement. The institution shall sponsor at least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team of males and females and at least one sport involving an all-female team in every sport season. An institution may use a sport to meet the three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.3. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.10.5.1 Counting Multiseason Sports. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons, it may count the sport only in the season in which its team participates in the most contests. To be counted as a fall sport, the majority of an institution's contests or dates of competition would have to occur from September through December; to be counted as a spring sport February through May. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.10.5.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.10.5.3 Single-Gender Institution Exception. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender need not meet the four-sport/three-season requirement for the other gender. *(Revised: 5/8/06)*

20.10.5.4 Waiver of Three-Season Requirement. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded by its academic calendar and climatic conditions from conducting a sport in a particular season. *(Revised: 5/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 12/15/06)*

- (a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.7 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and involving all-female teams; or
- (b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.7 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and involving all-female teams. (See Bylaws 20.10.9.1 and 20.10.10.1 for additional sports sponsorship requirements for member institutions participating in football.)

20.10.6.1 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)*

- (a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship or emerging sports for women (per Bylaw 20.02.7);
- (b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Bylaw 20.2.4.6); and
- (c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams.

20.10.6.1.1 Waiver. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request from an active member institution to designate one sport involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams other than those set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.1-(a). *(Revised: 1/11/89, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/17/10, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.6.2 Waiver of Minimum Women's Sports Sponsorship Criterion. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the minimum women's sports sponsorship requirement for active members in accordance with the procedures listed below: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) The institution shall submit its request for a waiver, signed by the institution's president or chancellor, to the NCAA president. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request, and it shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 22.
- (b) The institution shall provide data demonstrating that the ratio of male to female enrollment prohibits the offering of the required number of sports for women; or
- (c) The institution shall provide data demonstrating insufficient student interest in establishing or maintaining the requisite number of teams.
- (d) If the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee votes to reject the institution's request, the institution shall be placed in a division for which it qualifies or in the restricted membership category pursuant to the provisions of Bylaw 20.6.5.1.

20.10.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and women's rowing, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable: *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/12/99, 1/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 10/31/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
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Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	27		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	25		Equestrian	6	12
Women's Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	9	5
Field Hockey	11		Women's Fencing	9	5
Football	9		Golf	8	5
Men's Ice Hockey	25		Men's Gymnastics	9	6
Women's Ice Hockey	20		Women's Gymnastics	9	5
Lacrosse	10		Rifle	8	4
Women's Rowing	6	23	Skiing	5	5
Women's Rugby	9		Swimming and Diving	6	11
Soccer	11		Tennis	12	5
Softball	27		Track and Field, Indoor	4	14
Volleyball	19		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Men's Water Polo	15		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Women's Water Polo	10		Men's Wrestling	13	7
			Women's Wrestling	13	7

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.6.3.1 through 20.10.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)

20.10.6.3.1 Completion of Contest. To count as a contest, the institution's team actually shall participate in and complete the contest. Scheduled contests that are canceled or not completed (in accordance with the playing rules of the sport in question) may not be counted.

20.10.6.3.2 Counting Multicontest Events in Team Sports. In the team sports, each game in a doubleheader, triple-header or tournament shall be counted as one contest.

20.10.6.3.3 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, a multiteam event shall count as one contest. In the individual sports other than cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, not more than three institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular meet). If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 9/1/90, 1/10/95, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.6.3.3.1 Meets With No Team Scoring. In the individual sports, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided at least the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.10.6.3 participate on the institution's team.

20.10.6.3.3.2 Regional Cross Country Qualifying Meets. An institution may count participation in a regional cross country meet in meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided the institution meets the minimum-participant requirement per Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

20.10.6.3.4 Individual Sports -- One or More Sites. In the individual sports, if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on the same day equals or exceeds the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.10.6.3, an institution may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1). *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

20.10.6.3.4.1 Exception -- Multiday Meets -- Track and Field. In track and field, if the number of student-athletes participating in a multiday meet on behalf of the institution during the course of the entire meet equals or exceeds the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.10.6.3 and the meet is conducted on consecutive days, an institution may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements. *(Adopted: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

20.10.6.3.5 Contests in Two Seasons. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons of the same academic year, it may count contests in both seasons, provided regular varsity competition is sponsored in both seasons and is so listed on the institution's official schedule in that sport.

20.10.6.3.6 Contests vs. Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

20.10.6.3.6.1 Exception – Women's Beach Volleyball. One dual, one-day contest against a four-year collegiate institution's club team per year may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. A multi-opponent tournament (see Bylaw 20.10.6.3.9) may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements if not more than 40 percent of the participating teams are club teams affiliated with four-year collegiate institutions. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.10.6.3.6.2 Exception -- Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, an institution may count up to two contests per year against collegiate club teams of four-year institutions toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

20.10.6.3.7 Indoor Track and Field and Outdoor Track and Field. A member institution may receive credit for sponsoring both indoor track and field and outdoor track and field, provided its team participates in a total of at least eight indoor and outdoor meets during the year, including at least three indoor and three outdoor meets. *(Revised: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.6.3.8 Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, 15-a-side and seven-a-side competition may count toward the required minimum number of contests. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

20.10.6.3.9 Women's Beach Volleyball. The following additional criteria shall apply to women's beach volleyball: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/30/13)*

- (a) Not less than three of the minimum eight contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete (institution versus institution on a single day). Only one contest per day shall count toward meeting this requirement; and
- (b) The remaining number of minimum contests shall be dual, one-day competitions in which five two-person teams compete or be multi-opponent competitions. For a tournament to qualify as a contest, it must culminate in the determination of a winner based on the performance of each institution's five, two-person teams.

20.10.6.3.10 Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and triangular meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Triangular meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two triangular meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests. *(Adopted: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

20.10.6.3.11 Waivers.

20.10.6.3.11.1 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest in situations in which unforeseen circumstances beyond the institution's control have prevented the completion of a scheduled competition or the participation of the required minimum number of individuals and, despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to engage in at least the required minimum number of intercollegiate contests. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.6.3.11.2 Minimum Contests. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve an additional waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests in a situation in which: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum number of contests under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;
- (b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and
- (c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate minimum number of contests.

20.10.7 Scheduling – Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.10.7.1 Scheduling Requirement – Sports Other Than Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Men's Swimming and Diving, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Wrestling. In sports other than football, basketball, cross country, men's swimming and diving, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling that an institution

uses to meet the Division I sports sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.10.6.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.10.6.3 against Division I opponents. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.7.2 Scheduling Requirement -- Cross Country, Men's Swimming and Diving, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Wrestling. In cross country, men's swimming and diving, indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.10.6.3. *(Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.7.3 Application of Scheduling Requirements -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.10.7.3.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of reclassifying). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Division I opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Division I scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/04, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.10.7.3.2 Multiteam Events -- Individual Sports Other Than Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. In individual sports other than cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, if a multiteam event is not scored by division, an institution may use the event to satisfy the scheduling requirements, provided at least two-thirds of the institutions competing in the event are Division I members. If a multiteam event is scored by division, there is no minimum required percentage of participating Division I institutions. Regardless of whether a multiteam event is scored by division, an institution that is using a multiteam event to satisfy the scheduling requirements must satisfy the minimum required number of participants, per Bylaw 20.10.6.3. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.7.3.2.1 Multiteam Events -- Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, if a multiteam event is not scored by division, an institution may use the event to satisfy the scheduling requirements, provided at least one other institution competing in the event is a Division I member. If a multiteam event is scored by division, there is no minimum required percentage of participating Division I institutions. Regardless of whether a multiteam event is scored by division, an institution that is using a multiteam event to satisfy the scheduling requirements must satisfy the minimum required number of participants, per Bylaw 20.10.6.3. *(Adopted: 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

20.10.7.3.3 Exception. The scheduling criteria in Bylaws 20.10.7.1 and 20.10.7.2 shall not apply in sports in which the only championship opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.1 or sports in which there is no NCAA-sponsored postseason championship. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/3/13)*

20.10.7.3.4 Waiver -- Situations Beyond Institutional Control. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the scheduling requirement in situations beyond the control of the institution (e.g., weather conditions or natural disasters) that prevent the completion of scheduled competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 6/3/13, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.8 Basketball Scheduling.

20.10.8.1 Four-Game Limit. An institution may schedule and play not more than four basketball games, including any contest (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition), in an academic year against institutions that are not members of Division I. *(Revised: 3/1/12)*

20.10.8.2 One-Third of Contests in Home Arena. An active or reclassifying member must play at least one-third of its regular-season basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/2/94, 3/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

20.10.8.2.1 Multiple Home Arenas. In meeting the home-arena requirement, an institution may use more than one arena, provided each arena is located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and each arena is used annually by the institution for at least two home basketball contests.

20.10.8.3 One-Third of Women's Contests Away From Home or at a Neutral Site. An active member or a reclassifying member must play at least one-third of its regular-season women's basketball contests away from home or at a

neutral site. A reclassifying member is required to apply scheduling criteria beginning with year two of the reclassifying process. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

20.10.8.4 Counting Contests.

20.10.8.4.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on August 1 of the academic year involved.

20.10.8.4.1.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Division I opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Division I scheduling requirements. (*Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

20.10.8.4.1.2 Waiver. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.10.8.4.1 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

20.10.9 Football Bowl Subdivision Requirements. [FBS] An institution classified in the Football Bowl Subdivision shall meet the additional requirements listed below. (*Revised: 12/15/06*)

20.10.9.1 Sports Sponsorship. [FBS] The institution shall sponsor a minimum of 16 varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum sports sponsorship and scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.13.6 and 20.13.6.3, including a minimum of six sports involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and a minimum of eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.7 may be used) based on the minimum sports sponsorship and scheduling requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.13.6 and 20.13.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.13.6.2. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04*)

20.10.9.2 Football Scheduling Requirements. [FBS] The institution shall schedule and play at least 60 percent of its football games against members of the Football Bowl Subdivision. The institution shall schedule and play at least five regular-season home games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. For purposes of satisfying the home-games requirement, a contest shall be considered a home contest if it is played in the stadium in which an institution conducts at least 50 percent of its home contests. In addition, an institution may use one home contest against a Football Bowl Subdivision member conducted at a neutral site to satisfy the home-games requirement. (*Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 1/12/04, 12/15/06, 10/6/17*)

20.10.9.2.1 Exception -- Football Championship Subdivision Opponent. [FBS] Each year, a Football Bowl Subdivision institution may count one contest against a Football Championship Subdivision opponent to satisfy the football-scheduling requirement specified in Bylaw 20.10.9.2, provided the Football Championship Subdivision opponent has averaged 80 percent of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football over a rolling two-year period. (*Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06, 5/18/22*)

20.10.9.2.2 Membership Classification of Opponents. [FBS] In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling requirements of the Football Bowl Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved. (*Revised: 12/15/06, 10/6/17*)

20.10.9.2.2.1 Reclassifying Opponents. [FBS] A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must meet the Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying institution may be counted as a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements. (*Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 3/10/04, 12/15/06, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19*)

20.10.9.2.2.2 Waiver. [FBS] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.10.9.2.2 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. (*Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

20.10.9.2.3 Canceled Games. [FBS] A canceled game shall not be counted toward meeting the Football Bowl Subdivision scheduling requirements unless the Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, approve a waiver of the criterion in a situation in which: (*Revised: 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum percentage of contests with members of the Football Bowl Subdivision, under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;
- (b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and
- (c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate percentage of contests with members of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

20.10.9.2.4 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. [FBS] Games played in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the subdivision's scheduling requirement if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

20.10.9.3 Football-Attendance Requirements. [FBS] Once every two years on a rolling basis, the institution shall average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for all home football games. *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

20.10.9.3.1 Counting Attendance. [FBS]

20.10.9.3.1.1 Actual Attendance. [FBS] For purposes of computing actual attendance figures, an individual may be counted if any one of the following conditions applies: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) Attendees are issued tickets that are collected on admission to the game and retained;
- (b) Attendees enter through and are counted by a turnstile that is monitored by a representative of the department of athletics who verifies in writing the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis; or
- (c) Attendees enter through a gate at which a representative of the department of athletics counts them individually with a manual counter, and the representative provides a written statement verifying the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis.

20.10.9.3.1.2 Paid Attendance. [FBS] For purposes of computing paid attendance figures, tickets must be sold for at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price as established prior to the season, regardless of whether they are used for admission. Tickets sold at less than one-third of the highest regular established price may be counted as paid attendance only if they are used for admission. Student attendance may be counted as paid attendance if the student pays at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price or, if the student actually attends the game and any one of the following conditions applies: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) The student paid an athletics fee;
- (b) The student paid an institutional fee of which a certain portion was allocated to the department of intercollegiate athletics; or
- (c) The student paid no athletics fee, but the institution allocated to the department of intercollegiate athletics a certain portion of tuition income or general operating funds as the equivalent of a student athletics fee.

20.10.9.3.1.2.1 Student Attendance. [FBS] Student attendance must be verified through one of the following methods: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) Such students are issued tickets that are collected on admission to the game and retained;
- (b) Such students enter through and are counted by a turnstile (which is not used by others in attendance) that is monitored by a representative of the department of athletics who verifies in writing the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis; or
- (c) Such students enter through a gate (that is not used by others in attendance) at which a representative of the department of athletics counts them individually with a manual counter, and the representative provides a written statement verifying the accuracy of the count on a per-game basis.

20.10.9.3.1.2.1.1 Noncounted Students. [FBS] Student-athletes and cheerleaders scheduled by the institution to be at the game and students performing services at the stadium (e.g., concessionaires, ticket takers, parking-lot attendants, ushers, grounds keepers) shall not be counted toward meeting the attendance requirements. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

20.10.9.3.1.2.2 Exchange of Tickets With Opponent. [FBS] For an institution to meet the Football Bowl Subdivision attendance requirements, tickets for a football contest obtained by an institution through an exchange agreement or a purchase agreement with another institution may be used only if sold for at least one-third of the highest regular established ticket price and are used to attend the game. *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.9.3.2 Certified Audit. [FBS] In meeting the football-attendance requirements of the Football Bowl Subdivision, an institution must undertake an annual certified audit verifying its football attendance. The audited football-attendance figures must be received in the NCAA national office not later than the February 15 following the completion of the football season, and NCAA national office staff shall verify compliance with all the Football Bowl Subdivision attendance requirements. The certified audit and materials (including the ticket manifest) must be available for inspection for a four-year period. *(Revised: 10/17/05, 12/15/06)*

20.10.9.4 Additional Financial Aid Requirements. [FBS] The institution shall satisfy the following additional financial aid requirements: *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04)*

- (a) Provide an average of at least 90 percent of the permissible maximum number of overall football grants-in-aid per year during a rolling two-year period; and
- (b) Annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants-in-aids or expend at least \$4 million on grants-in-aid to student-athletes in athletics programs.

20.10.9.4.1 Type of Financial Aid Counted. [FBS] The institution shall count only athletically related financial aid awarded to counters (as defined in Bylaw 15.02.3). *(Adopted: 3/10/04 effective 8/1/04)*

20.10.9.4.2 Exception – National Service Academies. [FBS] The national service academies are exempt from all financial aid requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.10.9. *(Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/04)*

20.10.9.5 Noncompliance with Football Bowl Subdivision Criteria. [FBS]

20.10.9.5.1 Notice of Noncompliance. [FBS] An institution that fails to satisfy any of the Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements shall receive notice of such noncompliance. After receiving notice, any further noncompliance with the Football Bowl Subdivision requirements within a 10-year period shall cause the institution to be placed in restricted membership. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.9.5.2 Restricted Membership. [FBS] While in restricted membership, the institution shall not be eligible for postseason football competition. At the conclusion of the one-year period, the institution shall be granted membership in its preferred subdivision, provided the institution complies with the subdivision's criteria. If the member does not meet the criteria of any subdivision at the end of the restricted membership period, the institution may continue to be classified as a Division I member in sports other than football, provided the institution satisfies the Division I membership requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.13.3 through 20.13.7. A Division I member that loses Football Bowl Subdivision status must comply with the multidivision classification requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.6 to regain such status. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.9.6 Waivers. [FBS] There shall be no waivers of the Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements. *(Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.10 Football Championship Subdivision Requirements. [FCSD] An institution classified as a Football Championship Subdivision member shall meet the additional requirements listed below. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.10.1 Sports Sponsorship. [FCSD] The institution shall sponsor in Division I a minimum of: *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/15/11)*

- (a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.10.6 and 20.10.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.7 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.10.6 and 20.10.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.10.6.2; or
- (b) Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including football, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.10.6 and 20.10.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.7 may be utilized) based on the minimum requirements of Bylaws 20.10.6 and 20.10.6.3 and involving all-female teams, subject to the waiver provision in Bylaw 20.10.6.2.

20.10.10.2 Football Scheduling Requirement. [FCSD] The institution shall schedule and play more than 50 percent of its football games against Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision members. *(Revised: 12/15/06)*

20.10.10.2.1 Membership Classification of Opponents. [FCSD] In determining whether an institution meets the scheduling criteria of the Football Championship Subdivision, each opponent shall be counted as it was classified on September 1 of the academic year involved. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11)*

20.10.10.2.1.1 Reclassifying Opponents. [FCSD] A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements (year two of the reclassifying process). A reclassifying

institution may be counted as a Football Championship Subdivision opponent in year one of the reclassification process if the reclassifying institution meets Football Championship Subdivision scheduling requirements. *(Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 3/10/04, 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

20.10.10.2.1.2 Waiver. [FCSD] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may grant a waiver of the provisions of Bylaw 20.10.10.2.1 in cases of reclassification of an opponent when there is an enforceable game contract, executed in writing, or in the case of similar contractual problems. *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

20.10.10.2.2 Canceled Games. [FCSD] A canceled game shall not be counted toward meeting the Football Championship Subdivision scheduling criterion unless the Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, approves a waiver of the criterion in a situation in which: *(Revised: 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum percentage of contests with members of the Football Championship Subdivision, under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;
- (b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and
- (c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate percentage of contests with Football Championship Subdivision members.

20.10.10.2.3 Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico. [FCSD] Games played in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico shall not be counted for purposes of meeting the subdivision's scheduling requirement if such games are exempt from counting toward the playing-season limitations. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/15/11)*

20.10.10.2.4 Geographical Waiver -- Football Championship Subdivision. [FCSD] The Football Oversight Committee, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, may waive the provisions of Bylaw 20.10.10.2 for a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football, or which offers fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the Football Championship Subdivision and was classified in Division II prior to September 1993, if it is determined that fewer than six other championship subdivision football programs exist within a 500-mile radius of the institution's campus that do not offer athletically related financial aid in football or which offer fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the Football Championship Subdivision and were classified in Division II prior to September 1993. An institution must calculate the percentage based upon the amount of athletically related financial aid received by its student-athletes, as opposed to including all institutional aid. *(Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, Revised: 1/10/95, 12/15/06, 1/15/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

FIGURE 20-1
General Requirements for Division I Membership

	Sports Sponsorship: Number of Sports			Football Scheduling Requirement	Football Attendance Requirement	Men's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Women's Basketball Scheduling Requirement		Scheduling Requirement—Sports Other than Football and Basketball	Financial Aid Requirement ¹
	All-Male or Mixed-Team Sports	All-Female Sports	Minimum Number of Team Sports			Active or reclassifying member: All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena	Active or reclassifying member: All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played away from home or at a neutral site.				
Division I	7	7	2-All male/mixed 2-All female							Sports used to meet sports sponsorship criteria. An institution shall schedule and play 100% of its contests against Division I opponents to meet minimum number of contests. ¹ 50% of remaining contests against Division I opponents.	a) 50% of maximum allowable grants in each sport ³ , or b) Minimum aggregate expenditure of \$1,781,327 (with at least \$890,644) in 2011-22 (excluding football and men's and women's basketball). Grant value may not be less than 38 full grants (with at least 19 for women) ⁴ , or c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball. ⁵
Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)	8 including football	8 OR 9 including football	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	At least 60% of all games must be played against FBS members and at least five home games against members of FBS	Average 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for home football games during a rolling two-year period.						In addition to Division I requirement, a) provide an average of at least 90% of permissible maximum number of football grants-in-aid during a rolling two-year period and b) Annually offer a minimum of 200 athletics grants-in-aid or spend \$4 million on athletics grants-in-aid annually.
Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)	7 including football OR 8 including football	7 OR 10 including football	2-All male/mixed 2-All female	More than 50% of all games must be played against FBS or FCS members	NONE						No additional requirements beyond Division I requirements.

- 1 In men's swimming and diving, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50% of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests.
- 2 For institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs, the institution must provide a minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b) or (c) until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.
- 3 If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80% of the full grants for men and 80% of the full grants for women in these sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70% of the full grants for men and 70% of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50% of the full grants for men and 50% of the full grants for women.
- 4 If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be \$1,176,041 in 2011-22 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women.
- 5 If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, it must provide a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program.

BYLAW, ARTICLE 21

Governance Structure and Committees

21.02 Definitions and Applications.

21.02.1 Faculty Athletics Representative. A faculty athletics representative is a member of an institution's faculty or administrative staff who is designated by the institution's president or chancellor or other appropriate entity to represent the institution and its faculty in the institution's relationships with the NCAA and its conference(s), if any (see also Bylaw 8.1.3). *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 6/26/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)*

21.02.2 Senior Woman Administrator.

21.02.2.1 Institutional Senior Woman Administrator. [#] An institutional senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female involved in the management of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program. An institution with a female director of athletics may designate a different female involved with the management of the member's program as a fifth representative to the NCAA governance structure. *(Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 10/27/05, 1/20/22)*

21.02.2.2 Conference Senior Woman Administrator. A conference senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female involved with the conduct and policy processes of a conference's office. A conference with a female commissioner may designate a different female involved with the management of the conference as a representative to the NCAA governance structure. *(Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/27/05, 1/20/22)*

21.02.3 Gender and Diversity Requirements. The Board of Directors membership shall include at least one person who is an ethnic minority and at least one person of each gender, and a single member shall not be considered to meet both minimums. The combined membership of the Council, Committee on Academics and other Division I governance entities (other than sport committees) shall include representatives who comprise at least 20 percent persons who are ethnic minorities and at least 35 percent persons of each gender. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.02.4 Selection/Term of Office of Board of Directors and Council.

21.02.4.1 Selection. Members of the Board of Directors shall be selected by the constituencies that they represent. Each membership unit (e.g., conference) that is authorized to select or nominate individuals must have a plan to ensure diversity among these individuals. Members of the Council shall be selected by the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.02.4.1.1 Selection Process – Board of Directors. In order to ensure that the requirements for diversity of membership (as set forth in Bylaw 21.02.3) are met, the following process shall be used: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/30/14, 1/20/22)*

- (a) The conferences represented in each subdivision (as identified in Bylaw 21.1.1), shall review the open positions in the subdivision and shall attempt to coordinate the conference selections to ensure adequate diversity in the subdivision's representatives.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall review the selections from each subdivision to assess the diversity of those selections. If the Board of Directors does not approve the diversity of the selections of a subdivision, it shall ask the subdivision to reconsider the selections and report any changes.
- (c) If, after reconsideration, the Board of Directors still does not agree that the selections of any subdivision are adequately diverse, it shall direct each conference that has made a selection in that subdivision to provide a report on the diversity, qualifications and willingness to serve of the chancellors or presidents in the conference. The report shall be forwarded to a subcommittee of the Board of Governors. The subcommittee shall analyze the availability and alter selections as warranted to achieve adequate diversity.
- (d) In the event a conference fails to satisfy Football Bowl Subdivision membership criteria, the conference shall lose its designated seat on the Board of Directors and be removed from Football Bowl Subdivision classification in the governance structure. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to determine the manner by which the unallocated Football Bowl Subdivision position is assigned.

21.02.4.1.2 Selection Process -- Council. The following process shall be used for selection of members of the Council: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Each conference listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(a), 21.1.1-(b) and 21.1.1-(c) shall nominate at least three candidates to serve as its representative on the Council.

- (b) The Board of Directors or a designated committee shall review the nominations to assess competency and ensure reasonable diversity of perspectives and shall make the selection for service.

21.02.4.2 Term of Office.

21.02.4.2.1 Board of Directors. The term of office for the members of the Board of Directors shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Football Bowl Subdivision members shall serve a four-year term. Football Bowl Subdivision members of the Board of Directors are not eligible for immediate re-election;
- (b) The Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision conferences shall be authorized to determine the term of office of their members, not to exceed four consecutive years. Further, after completing a term, Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision members of the Board of Directors may not serve again for two years;
- (c) A conference may remove its representative during a term of office;
- (d) The terms of service of Board of Directors members shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. Members may be appointed for less than full terms; and
- (e) Board of Directors members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

21.02.4.2.2 Council. The term of office for the Council shall be as follows: *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

- (a) A member shall serve a four-year term. A member is not eligible for immediate reappointment;
- (b) A conference may recommend to the Board of Directors or a designated committee to replace its representative during a term;
- (c) The terms of office of Football Bowl Subdivision positions and Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision positions shall expire on a staggered basis to provide for continuity. A member may be appointed for less than a full term; and
- (d) A member who serves more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

21.02.4.3 Institution's Membership in Different Subdivision. An institution's representative to the Board of Directors or Council is eligible to serve on behalf of the multisport conference in which the institution holds membership, even if the institution's NCAA membership is in a different subdivision. *(Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.02.5 Association-Wide Committees. [*] Association-wide committees deal with issues that affect all members of the Association and perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of the Association. Association-wide committees are comprised of members from each of the Association's divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.6 Common Committees. [*] Common committees deal with issues that apply to more than one division of the Association. Common committees perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of the applicable divisions and are comprised of members from the applicable divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.7 Federated Committees. [*] Federated committees deal with issues that apply to a specific membership division. Federated committees perform duties necessary to the on-going operation of that division and are comprised only of members from that division. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.02.8 Districts. [#] For purposes of committee composition, the geographical districts are as follows: *(Adopted: 10/30/03)*

- (a) District 1 -- Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont;
- (b) District 2 -- Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, West Virginia;
- (c) District 3 -- Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia;
- (d) District 4 -- Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin;
- (e) District 5 -- Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota;
- (f) District 6 -- Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas;
- (g) District 7 -- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming; and
- (h) District 8 -- Alaska, British Columbia, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington.

21.02.9 Conflict of Interest. A committee member shall not participate in the committee's discussion or vote on any action that might bring direct or indirect financial benefit to the member of any organization in which the member is financially interested (other than the member's institution or the conference of which it is a member). A violation of this rule by a member of a committee shall not invalidate the action taken by the committee if, following disclosure of the conflict of interest, the committee authorizes, ratifies or approves the action by a vote sufficient for the purpose, without counting the vote of the committee member with the conflict of interest, and the Council approves such action. All committee members shall agree to this policy prior to committee service and shall abide by the policy at all times. The current conflict of interest policy is located on the NCAA website (NCAA.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 1/13/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

21.1 Division I Board of Directors.

21.1.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity per Bylaw 21.02.3, the Board of Directors shall include 24 members and shall be comprised of 20 presidents or chancellors, one director of athletics, one senior woman administrator, one faculty athletics representative and one student-athlete. The members of the Board shall include: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/05, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

- (a) One institutional president or chancellor from each of the following conferences:
 - (1) American Athletic Conference;
 - (2) Atlantic Coast Conference;
 - (3) Big 12 Conference;
 - (4) Big Ten Conference;
 - (5) Conference USA;
 - (6) Mid-American Conference;
 - (7) Mountain West Conference;
 - (8) Pac-12 Conference;
 - (9) Southeastern Conference; and
 - (10) Sun Belt Conference.
- (b) Five institutional presidents or chancellors from among the following conferences (limited to one president or chancellor from any one conference):
 - (1) Big Sky Conference;
 - (2) Big South Conference;
 - (3) Colonial Athletic Association
 - (4) The Ivy League;
 - (5) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
 - (6) Northeast Conference;
 - (7) Ohio Valley Conference;
 - (8) Patriot League;
 - (9) Southern Conference;
 - (10) Southland Conference; and
 - (11) Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- (c) Five institutional presidents or chancellors from among the following conferences (limited to one president or chancellor from any one conference):
 - (1) America East Conference;
 - (2) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
 - (3) Atlantic 10 Conference;
 - (4) Big East Conference;
 - (5) Big West Conference;
 - (6) Horizon League;
 - (7) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
 - (8) Missouri Valley Conference;
 - (9) The Summit League;
 - (10) West Coast Conference; and
 - (11) Western Athletic Conference.
- (d) The chair of the Council.
- (e) An institutional Division I member of Women Leaders in College Sports, appointed by the Executive Committee of Women Leaders in College Sports.
- (f) A Division I member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Athletic Representatives Association, selected by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.
- (g) The chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

21.1.1.1 Rotation of Representatives. The rotation of Board of Directors conference representatives among the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(b) and 21.1.1-(c) shall be developed, maintained and revised by those conferences. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/15/06, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.1.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall serve as the overall governing body for Division I, with responsibility for strategy, policy, legislative oversight and management oversight. Specifically, the Board shall: *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/28/10, 7/31/14, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/29/15, 8/8/18 effective 8/1/19, 12/20/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in intercollegiate athletics and its relationship to higher education;

- (b) Review and set parameters that guide and determine present and future decisions, embracing general goals and acceptable procedures;
- (c) Monitor legislation to ensure it does not conflict with basic policies and strategic goals;
- (d) Ratify, amend or defeat academically related legislation adopted by the Council and, at its discretion, adopt academically related legislation otherwise addressed by the Council;
- (e) Rescind or adopt other legislation addressed by the Council in order to prevent an extraordinary adverse impact on the Division I membership;
- (f) Adopt legislation or grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division I membership because of the delay in its effective date;
- (g) Delegate to the Council responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate;
- (h) Appoint members of the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, the Independent Resolution Panel, Council and Committee on Academics;
- (i) Review and approve policies and procedures governing the infractions program and revise the operating procedures of the independent accountability resolution structure in consultation with the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;
- (j) Determine whether legislation proposed as an area of autonomy is consistent with the scope and nature of the applicable area of autonomy as set for in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.2;
- (k) Ensure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership and the membership of each of the other bodies in the administrative structure;
- (l) Require bodies in the administrative structure to alter (but not expand) their membership to achieve diversity;
- (m) Approve an annual budget;
- (n) Approve regulations providing for the expenditure of funds and the distribution of income consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 20.01.3;
- (o) Collaborate with NCAA staff, as necessary, to determine how the national office can best to serve the Division I membership;
- (p) Advise the Board of Governors concerning the employment of the NCAA president and concerning the oversight of the president's employment;
- (q) Conduct biannual assessments to evaluate the operation of the governance structure and to monitor membership standards and criteria affecting Division I and subdivisional membership; and
- (r) Elect institutions to active Division I membership.

21.1.3 Voting Method. The method of voting on issues considered by the Board of Directors shall be by roll call, except for those actions taken by the unanimous consent of the Board members present and voting. Roll-call vote results shall be reported to the membership. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/20/22*)

21.1.4 Administrative Committee. Administrative Committee. The Board of Directors Administrative Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Council to transact necessary and routine items of business as set forth in the Board of Directors' policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 1/20/22*)

21.1.5 Standing Committees. Standing committees may be formed by the Board of Directors as it deems necessary. Details related to such committees (e.g., composition, selection, duties) shall be set forth in the Board of Directors' policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 10/14/17, 1/20/22*)

21.1.6 Executive Sessions. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct an executive session involving only presidents and chancellors. (*Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22*)

21.2 Division I Council.

21.2.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity per Bylaw 21.02.3, the Council shall include 40 members and shall be comprised of athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators, conference administrators, compliance administrators and other senior level administrators), faculty athletics representatives and student-athletes. The members of the Council shall include: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 8/5/99, 4/24/03, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/2/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14, 1/20/22*)

- (a) One athletics administrator or faculty athletics representative from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(a), 21.1.1-(b) and 21.1.1-(c). At least 60 percent of these representatives shall be directors of athletics.

- (b) One conference commissioner from one of the following five conferences:
 - (1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
 - (2) Big 12 Conference;
 - (3) Big Ten Conference;
 - (4) Pac-12 Conference; and
 - (5) Southeastern Conference.
- (c) One conference commissioner from one of the following five conferences:
 - (1) American Athletic Conference;
 - (2) Conference USA;
 - (3) Mid-American Conference;
 - (4) Mountain West Conference; and
 - (5) Sun Belt Conference.
- (d) One conference commissioner from one of the following 14 conferences:
 - (1) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
 - (2) Big Sky Conference;
 - (3) Big South Conference;
 - (4) Colonial Athletic Association;
 - (5) The Ivy League;
 - (6) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
 - (7) Missouri Valley Football Conference;
 - (8) Northeast Conference;
 - (9) Ohio Valley Conference;
 - (10) Patriot League;
 - (11) Pioneer Football League;
 - (12) Southern Conference;
 - (13) Southland Conference; and
 - (14) Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- (e) One conference commissioner from one of the following 10 conferences:
 - (1) America East Conference;
 - (2) Atlantic 10 Conference;
 - (3) Big East Conference;
 - (4) Big West Conference;
 - (5) Horizon League;
 - (6) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
 - (7) Missouri Valley Conference;
 - (8) The Summit League;
 - (9) West Coast Conference; and
 - (10) Western Athletic Conference.
- (f) Two faculty athletics representatives, one appointed by the 1A Faculty Athletics Representatives group and one appointed by the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.
- (g) Two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, each of whom may serve on the Council up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility.

21.2.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Council shall: *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

- (a) Serve as the division's primary legislative authority, subject to review by the Board of Directors (see Bylaw 9.2.2);
- (b) Recommend nonacademic policies to the Board of Directors;
- (c) Coordinate strategic planning activities;
- (d) Identify and examine trends and issues of intercollegiate athletics;
- (e) Take final action on matters delegated to it by the Board of Directors;
- (f) Make interpretations of the bylaws;
- (g) Review the recommendations of the substructure;
- (h) Supervise qualification and/or selection procedures for National Collegiate Championships and Division I championships;
- (i) Review recommendations from sports committees regarding the administration of championships;
- (j) Act as the final authority regarding championships matters in Division I or in a National Collegiate Championship that are subject to appeal to the Council;
- (k) Oversee the appointment of the members of the substructure (e.g., subcommittees and committees);
- (l) Oversee Division I membership requirements and processes;
- (m) In conjunction with the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, review issues related to the interests of ethnic minority student-athletes, NCAA minority programs and NCAA policies that affect ethnic minorities; and
- (n) In conjunction with the Committee on Women's Athletics, study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels, and other issues directly affecting women's athletics.

21.2.3 Chair. The Council shall elect a member who is a director of athletics to serve for a period of not more than two years as chair. The chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. At least once in every three chair rotations, a Football Championship Subdivision or Division I Subdivision representative shall serve as chair. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 11/1/01, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.2.4 Weighted Voting. Voting on matters other than football-specific issues or football-specific legislation shall be weighted as follows: *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Representatives [other than those noted in (d) and (e) below] from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representative of these conferences shall have four votes each:
 - (1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
 - (2) Big 12 Conference;
 - (3) Big Ten Conference;
 - (4) Pac-12 Conference; and
 - (5) Southeastern Conference.
- (b) Representatives [other than those noted in (d) and (e) below] from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representative of these conferences shall have two votes each:
 - (1) American Athletic Conference;
 - (2) Conference USA;
 - (3) Mid-American Conference;
 - (4) Mountain West Conference;
 - (5) Sun Belt Conference.
- (c) Representatives from the following conferences and the conference commissioner representatives of these conferences shall have one vote each:
 - (1) America East Conference;
 - (2) Atlantic 10 Conference;
 - (3) Atlantic Sun (ASUN) Conference;
 - (4) Big East Conference;
 - (5) Big Sky Conference;
 - (6) Big South Conference;
 - (7) Big West Conference;
 - (8) Colonial Athletic Association;
 - (9) Horizon League;
 - (10) The Ivy League;
 - (11) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;
 - (12) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;
 - (13) Missouri Valley Conference;
 - (14) Northeast Conference;
 - (15) Ohio Valley Conference;
 - (16) Patriot League;
 - (17) Southern Conference;
 - (18) Southland Conference;
 - (19) Southwestern Athletic Conference;
 - (20) The Summit League;
 - (21) West Coast Conference; and
 - (22) Western Athletic Conference.
- (d) The two designated faculty athletics representatives [see Bylaw 21.2.1-(f)] shall have one vote each.
- (e) Student-athlete representatives shall have one vote each.

21.2.4.1 Voting on Football Bowl Subdivision Issues and Legislation. Voting on Football Bowl Subdivision Issues and Legislation. Voting on Football Bowl Subdivision-specific issues and Football Bowl Subdivision-specific legislation other than legislation related to scholarship limitations shall be weighted as follows: *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Representatives from the following conferences shall have two votes each:
 - (1) Atlantic Coast Conference;
 - (2) Big Ten Conference;
 - (3) Big 12 Conference;
 - (4) Pac-12 Conference; and
 - (5) Southeastern Conference.
- (b) Representatives from the following conferences shall have one vote each:
 - (1) American Athletic Conference;
 - (2) Conference USA;
 - (3) Mid-American Conference;
 - (4) Mountain West Conference; and
 - (5) Sun Belt Conference.

21.2.4.1.1 Voting on Scholarship Limitations. Voting on legislation related to scholarship limitations shall not be weighted. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.2.5 Football Championship Subdivision Representation and Voting. Members of the Council who represent Football Championship Subdivision conferences shall act on issues and legislation specific to the subdivision in accordance with Bylaw 9.2.2.2.6 (see Bylaw 9.1.1.1). A Football Championship Subdivision conference not listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(b), may appoint an individual to represent its interests and vote on issues and legislation related to championship subdivision football, provided the conference consists of at least six championship subdivision football-sponsoring members (regular or affiliate members of the conference) that play a single round-robin schedule that leads to the declaration of a conference football champion and the affairs of the conference are administered by a conference listed in Bylaw 21.1.1-(b) or 21.1.1-(c). *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

21.2.6 Voting Method. The method of voting on issues considered by the Council shall be by roll call, except for actions taken by the unanimous consent of the members present and voting. Roll-call vote results of legislative actions shall be reported to the membership and shall include a record of each member's vote. The overall outcomes of votes on other matters shall be reported to the membership, but neither the vote count nor individual votes shall be reported. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/88, 10/28/10, 8/7/14, 1/20/22)*

21.2.7 Council Coordination Committee.

21.2.7.1 Composition and Selection. The Council Coordination Committee shall consist of up to 10 members of the Council, including two representatives of Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, two representatives of Football Championship Subdivision conferences and two representatives of Division I Subdivision conferences. The process for selection to the Council Coordination Committee and the term of office of committee members shall be set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/10/00, 12/15/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/14/17, 1/20/22)*

21.2.7.2 Duties. The Council Coordination Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Council to transact necessary and routine items of business as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

21.2.7.3 Review of Actions. All actions of the Council Coordination Committee shall be reported to and subject to review by the Council. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 1/20/22)*

21.3 Committee on Academics.

21.3.1 Composition. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee on Academics comprised of 20 members, including a minimum of two chancellors or presidents, one provost, four faculty athletics representatives, one director of athletics, one senior woman administrator, one conference administrator and one student-athlete. The Committee on Academics shall include at least two members from each of the three Division I membership subdivisions. A president or chancellor member shall serve as chair. After the chair has served two full terms, the Board of Directors may extend the individual's term at two-year intervals. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

21.3.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a voting member of the Committee on Academics up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

21.3.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Committee on Academics shall: *(Adopted: 8/7/14, Revised: 1/20/22)*

- (a) Serve as the division's primary academic authority, subject to review by the Board of Directors;
- (b) Manage all policy pertaining to academic matters, including academic eligibility standards and related policies;
- (c) Recommend and review legislation pertaining to academic matters, including academic eligibility standards;
- (d) Take final action on routine and noncontroversial matters of general academic policy and Academic Performance Program policy;
- (e) Establish, oversee and support the work of the academic substructure;
- (f) Perform all duties directly related to the administration of the Academic Performance Program, including interpretations of Academic Performance Program legislation and policies, hearing appeals (or waivers) of institutions or teams subject to penalties and any other matters of appeal pursuant to the legislation and policies and procedures of the Academic Performance Program;
- (g) Determine the appropriate standards on which Academic Performance Program penalties or rewards apply;
- (h) Recommend changes to the Academic Performance Program based on research data analysis and practical experience;

- (i) Oversee administration of academic waivers as specified by legislation and/or policy;
- (j) Study issues and make policy or legislative recommendations concerning relationships between the Association and the nation's two-year colleges as represented by established regional and national organizations; and
- (k) Work with the Division II governance structure to ensure that consistent policies exist when possible, while maintaining each division's philosophy and legislative intent.

21.3.3 Academic Performance Program Policies and Procedures. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to adopt or revise policies and procedures for the conduct of the academic performance program. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any academic performance program policy adopted by the Committee on Academics. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 11/15/14, 1/20/22)*

21.4 Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [#]

21.4.1 Composition. [#] The panel shall consist of 12 members, including six members from Division I and three representatives each from Divisions II and III. A single conference may not have more than one representative on the panel. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.4.2 Method of Selection. [#] Three of the six Division I representatives shall be appointed by the Division I Council and one of those three must have experience working with playing rules. The remaining three shall be appointed by the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA). Two of those three shall have experience working with playing rules. One of the three Divisions II and III representatives shall be appointed by the divisions' Championships Committees (these appointees must be current members of the divisions' Championships Committees). The remaining two representatives in Divisions II and III will be appointed at large and one of the two per each division shall have experience working with playing rules. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

21.4.2.1 Definition of "Working With Playing Rules." [#] The following experience will be considered to be the equivalent of "working with playing rules": officiating experience, previous service on a rules committee, previous service on a committee with responsibility for playing rules administration or coaching. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.4.3 Term of Office. [#] At-large and Division I members of the panel will serve four-year terms. Championships Committee appointments will serve for the duration of their committee terms. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/07, 8/7/14)*

21.4.4 Duties. [#] The panel shall: *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/8/07)*

- (a) Oversee all NCAA playing rules committees. This includes approval of playing rules recommendations and oversight of other issues pertaining to playing rules;
- (b) Recommend the establishment and dissolution of playing rules committees;
- (c) Monitor playing rules maintained outside the NCAA;
- (d) Be responsible for all research and communication pertaining to the administration of playing rules, including the advancement of budgetary recommendations from the playing rules committees and to ensure consistency among different sports, when appropriate (for example, policies controlling fighting or abusive language);
- (e) Review and act on requests from any division to exempt it from applying or delaying implementation of a playing rule for financial reasons;
- (f) Review all playing rules changes pertaining to finances, safety and image of the game; and
- (g) Oversee the selection process for secretary-rules editors, approve the selections of secretary-rules editors and review waiver requests for secretary-rules editor term limits.

21.4.5 Meetings. [#] The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall meet three times annually (e.g., March, June, August) after the playing rules committees for each season have completed their meetings. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.4.6 Special Operating Rules. [#]

21.4.6.1 Review Process. [#] A recommendation from any rules committee shall be considered valid unless the Playing Rules Oversight Panel determines that the recommendation harms the image of the games, creates an unsafe environment for student-athletes or places an unreasonable financial burden on the membership. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.4.6.1.1 Rules Committee Involvement. [#] The Playing Rules Oversight Panel may request that playing rules committee chairs and/or secretary-rules editors present their cases to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel when proposed changes are controversial or unusually complicated. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

21.5 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees. [#]

21.5.1 Selection, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.5.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the general Association-wide committees of the Association, consistent with that division's committee-appointment procedures. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions, including each subdivision of Division I. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 5/13/08)*

21.5.1.2 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.5.1.3 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors also shall ratify policies regarding length, location and expenses of Association-wide committee meetings. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 5/13/08, 10/30/14)*

21.5.2 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [#]

21.5.2.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports shall consist of 25 members, including seven positions allocated for men, seven allocated for women and 11 unallocated. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91, 1/10/95, 10/28/99, 4/26/01, 11/1/01, 10/30/03, 7/22/14, 4/30/15, 3/27/17, 4/14/17, 10/4/17, 5/18/22)*

- (a) Two athletics directors or senior woman athletics administrators, one man and one woman;
- (b) One member who is an active coach;
- (c) One strength and conditioning specialist certified by an accredited strength and conditioning certification body;
- (d) Five members from the field of medicine, of whom at least two shall be women. One shall be a primary-care physician who is board certified in family practice, internal medicine or emergency medicine, and shall have a current Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine. One shall be a board certified orthopedic surgeon. One shall be a physician with expertise in endocrinology. One shall be a physician with expertise in drug-testing. One member shall be a physician who is a member of the general public;
- (e) Two athletic trainers, one man and one woman. One must be responsible for the total athletics training program at a member institution;
- (f) One member representing the field of law who is a lawyer practicing in sports law or a related field, or a faculty member in sports law or a related field;
- (g) One member of the NCAA Football Rules Committee;
- (h) One member representing secondary school interests. This individual shall be the National Federation of State High School Associations' staff liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Board and shall be eligible for reappointment without restriction;
- (i) One member active in sport-science research;
- (j) One member with expertise in the area of drug education;
- (k) One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility;
- (l) Two licensed mental health practitioners, one man and one woman;
- (m) One registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition;
- (n) One representative from the Division I Council;
- (o) One representative from the Division II Management Council; and
- (p) One representative from the Division III Management Council.

21.5.2.2 Duties. [#] The committee, subject to the direction of the Board of Governors, and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute, shall: *(Revised: 10/31/02, 10/30/14)*

- (a) Promote and sponsor research to address relevant health and safety issues;
- (b) Promote education to enhance the health and safety of student-athletes;
- (c) Operate a national injury surveillance program to monitor injury trends and enhance safety in intercollegiate athletics;
- (d) Deter the use of NCAA banned substances in order to promote fair competition and safety;
- (e) Facilitate outreach activities to enhance student-athlete health and safety; and

(f) Provide a health and safety perspective on relevant legislation and policy.

21.5.2.3 Term of Office, Chair. [#] The chair may remain on the committee for up to one additional year if the individual becomes the committee chair with only one year or less remaining on the individual's four-year term. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 10/22/07)*

21.5.3 Honors Committee. [#]

21.5.3.1 Composition. [#] The Honors Committee shall consist of nine members, including one current or former chancellor or president from a member institution, one member from each division and subdivision of Division I and three nationally distinguished citizens, one of which must be a former NCAA honors recipient. Division II and Division III will be represented each by a member of the Management Council. Two positions shall be allocated for men, two allocated for women and five unallocated. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 11/1/07)*

21.5.3.2 Term of Office. A member's term of service shall commence on the day following adjournment of the NCAA Convention following the member's appointment. *(Adopted: 1/14/08)*

21.5.3.3 Duties. [#] The committee shall receive nominations for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, the Today's Top 10 Awards, the Award of Valor and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards. *(Revised: 7/25/12)*

21.5.4 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [#]

21.5.4.1 Composition. [#] The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility. Committee membership shall include a minimum of eight ethnic minorities, including at least four males and four females. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 11/1/01, 8/11/11, 4/14/17)*

21.5.4.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 10/29/15)*

- (a) Review issues related to the interests and advocacy of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities; and
- (b) Review and advocate for NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

21.5.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [#]

21.5.5.1 Composition. [#] The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall consist of 14 members, including at least one from each division. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 11/1/01, 4/14/17)*

21.5.5.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 10/17/19)*

- (a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing bodies; and
- (b) Study and make recommendations concerning the Association's appropriate role in the involvement of student-athletes in international athletics.

21.5.6 Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [#]

21.5.6.1 Composition. [#] The Postgraduate Scholarship Committee shall consist of seven members, including two positions allocated for men, two allocated for women and three unallocated, one of which shall be a former recipient of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

21.5.6.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for planning and administering the Association's postgraduate scholarship program for student-athletes who have distinguished themselves academically and athletically.

21.5.7 Research Committee. [#]

21.5.7.1 Composition. [#] The Research Committee shall consist of 10 members, including four representatives from Division I, two each from Divisions II and III and two unallocated. In addition, three positions shall be allocated for men, three allocated for women and four unallocated. The membership of the committee shall consist of at least three athletics

administrators and at least three faculty athletics representatives with appropriate research experience. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 11/1/01, 8/7/03)*

21.5.7.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Revised: 10/30/14, 4/10/18)*

- (a) Promote and encourage graduate student research on psychosocial aspects of intercollegiate athletics by administering the Association's Graduate Student Research Grant Program;
- (b) Assist staff in the evaluation of data-sharing requests submitted by the membership, as needed;
- (c) Study and make recommendations to the NCAA research staff and governance committees concerning opportunities for Association or collaborative research at the nexus of higher education and athletics;
- (d) Confer with research staff on issues related to the Research Review Board, its policies and standard operating procedures; and
- (e) Monitor progress of the most significant research endeavors undertaken by the NCAA research staff at the behest of the Association.

21.5.8 Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. [#]

21.5.8.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct shall consist of 11 members. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athlete may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01, 4/14/17)*

21.5.8.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for promoting sportsmanship and ethical conduct within the Association. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.5.9 Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. [#]

21.5.9.1 Composition. [#] The Walter Byers Scholarship Committee shall consist of seven members, including one position allocated for a man, one allocated for a woman, one allocated for a former student-athlete and four unallocated. *(Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 5/2/13, 6/13/18)*

21.5.9.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall be responsible for planning and administering the Association's Walter Byers Scholarship program for student-athletes who have distinguished themselves academically and athletically. *(Adopted: 1/10/90)*

21.5.10 Committee on Women's Athletics. [#]

21.5.10.1 Composition. [#] The Committee on Women's Athletics shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. Six positions shall be allocated for men, six allocated for women and six unallocated. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athlete may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 11/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/24/08, 8/11/11, 4/14/17)*

21.5.10.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall: *(Revised: 4/24/03)*

- (a) Study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels;
- (b) Study and make policy recommendations concerning other issues directly affecting women's athletics; and
- (c) Appoint and oversee the Woman of the Year Selection Committee and the process.

21.6 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.6.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.6.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the rules committees without championships administration responsibilities. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall oversee the selection process for secretary-rules editors and approve selections for those positions. The secretary-rules editor may be re-appointed but is limited to a term not to exceed eight years in length and shall be a nonvoting member of the committee. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/8/07)*

21.6.1.1.1 Waiver -- Secretary-Rules Editor Term Limit. [#] Due to extenuating circumstances, the Playing Rules Oversight Panel may waive the secretary-rules editor's eight-year term limit; however, the term shall not be extended by more than four additional years. (*Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07*)

21.6.1.2 Composition Requirements. [#] At least 25 percent of the positions on each rules committee shall be filled by athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full-time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part-time as administrators by member conferences and full-time by member institutions. Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. In order for a district to be represented, at least five of its active members shall sponsor the sport involved on an intercollegiate basis. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00*)

21.6.1.3 Duties. [#] Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to Playing Rules Oversight Panel review. (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05, 12/2/05*)

21.6.1.4 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. (*Revised: 5/13/08*)

21.6.1.5 Cooperation with Other Organizations. [#] A rules committee may cooperate with other national organizations in the development of common playing rules. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.6.1.6 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of association-wide committee meetings. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14*)

21.6.2 Baseball Rules Committee. [#] The Baseball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.3 Basketball Rules Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Basketball Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Revised: 1/10/91*)

- (a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;
- (b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.4 Basketball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Basketball Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

- (a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;
- (b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.5 Football Rules Committee. [#] The Football Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Revised: 1/16/93*)

- (a) There shall be at least two representatives from each of the following four geographical regions: Districts 1 and 2; District 3; Districts 4 and 5; and Districts 6, 7 and 8;

- (b) Six members shall be from Division I, three members shall be from Division II, three members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.6 Ice Hockey Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee shall consist of 13 members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00, 4/26/01, 10/29/15)*

- (a) Six members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from a Division II institution that sponsors Division I, II or III men's or women's ice hockey, four members shall be from Division III, one member shall be from Division II or III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor;
- (b) Within Divisions I and III, one-half of the members shall represent men's ice hockey interests and one-half of the members shall represent women's ice hockey interests; and
- (c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.7 Lacrosse Rules Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from the Division II and three members shall be from Division III. One additional member shall serve as a nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.8 Lacrosse Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, one member shall be from Division II and three members shall be from Division III. One additional member shall serve as a nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.9 Soccer Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor;
- (b) Within each division, one-half of the members shall represent men's soccer interests, and one-half of the members shall represent women's soccer interests; and
- (c) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.10 Softball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Softball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.11 Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.12 Track and Field Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.13 Volleyball Rules Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, Adopted: 11/1/01)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and one additional member shall serve as nonvoting secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.6.14 Wrestling Rules Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Wrestling Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)*

- (a) Four members shall be from Division I, two members shall be from Division II, two members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be a secretary-rules editor; and
- (b) One member shall be elected chair.

21.7 Common Committees -- Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.7.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.7.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the committees with playing rules and championships administration responsibilities. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel shall oversee the selection process of secretary-rules editors and approve the selections for those positions. The secretary-rules editor may be reappointed but is limited to a term not to exceed eight years in length and shall be a nonvoting member of the committee. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/8/07)*

21.7.1.1.1 Waiver -- Secretary-Rules Editor Term Limit. [#] Due to extenuating circumstances, the Playing Rules Oversight Panel may waive the secretary-rules editor's eight-year term limit; however, the term shall not be extended by more than four additional years. *(Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07)*

21.7.1.2 Composition Requirements. [#] For committees that administer Division I, Division II, Division III and National Collegiate Championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. For committees that administer Division I, Division II, Division III and National Collegiate Championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. Further, at least 50 percent of the total positions on each rules committee shall be filled by coaching staff members. In order for a district to be represented on a committee for which district representation is specified, at least five of its active members shall sponsor the sport on an intercollegiate basis. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

21.7.1.2.1 Exception -- Men's and Women's Skiing Committee. [#] The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall be exempt from the composition requirements set forth in Bylaw 21.7.1.2. *(Adopted: 11/1/00)*

21.7.1.3 Special Operating Rules. [#] Each committee shall act as one body to formulate playing rules and determine general policies for the administration of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction. Division subcommittees, composed of committee members from the respective divisions, shall be responsible for administering the respective division championships.

21.7.1.4 Advisory Committees. [#] The governing sports committee may appoint individuals not already serving on a sports committee to an advisory committee.

21.7.1.5 Duties. [#]

21.7.1.5.1 Rules of Play. [#] Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to Playing Rules Oversight Panel review. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/28/05, 12/2/05)*

21.7.1.5.2 National Records. [#] In sports for which national records are maintained, each committee shall be responsible for approval of such national records.

21.7.1.5.3 Cooperation with Other Organizations. [#] A rules committee may cooperate with other national organizations in the development of common playing rules. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.7.1.5.4 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14)*

21.7.1.6 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of the committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.7.2 Beach Volleyball Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Beach Volleyball Committee shall consist of six members. *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 7/31/15)*

21.7.3 Bowling Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Bowling Committee shall consist of seven members, including the secretary-rules editor, who shall be a nonvoting member. *(Revised: 10/28/10)*

21.7.4 Rifle Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Rifle Committee shall consist of seven members, including the secretary-rules editor.

21.7.5 Skiing Committee, Men's and Women's. [#] The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall consist of seven members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/11/00, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/01, 10/29/15)*

- (a) Two members shall represent men's skiing interests, two members shall represent women's skiing interests and three unallocated;
- (b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, one member shall be selected from the Central skiing region, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, two members shall be selected at large and one member shall be secretary-rules editor; and
- (c) Two members shall be coaches who represent downhill Alpine skiing and two members shall be coaches who represent Nordic skiing. The secretary-rules editor may be counted toward satisfying this requirement.

21.7.6 Water Polo Committee, Men's. [#] The Men's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members and shall be constituted as follows: *(Revised: 10/28/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/8/07)*

- (a) Two members shall be from the East region;
- (b) Two members shall be from the West region;
- (c) One member shall be selected at large; and
- (d) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.

21.7.7 Water Polo Committee, Women's. [#] The Women's Water Polo Committee shall consist of six members. There shall be three members from Division I, one member from Division II, one member from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

21.8 Common Committees -- Committees With Only Championship Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.8.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation. [#]

21.8.1.1 Method of Selection. [#] Each applicable division's governance structure shall nominate and select the members and chair of each committee. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/01)*

21.8.1.2 Duties. [#] Each committee shall be responsible for developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the applicable division's governance structure and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31. Policies and procedures governing the administration of National Collegiate Championships applicable to more than one division also shall be subject to the ratification of the Board of Governors. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.) *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/30/14)*

21.8.1.3 Term of Office. [#] Unless otherwise specified, a member of committees listed in this bylaw shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former member may be appointed to an additional term after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of September following the member's election or appointment. *(Revised: 5/13/08)*

21.8.1.4 Special Operating Rules. [#] Each committee shall act as one body to determine general policies for the administration of championships. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.8.1.5 Selection Criteria. [#] Each committee shall have the authority to establish championships selection criteria, including requirements to use regular-season playing rules that conform with rules used in NCAA championships under its jurisdiction in those sports for which the Association does not maintain playing rules.

21.8.1.6 Regional Advisory Committees. [#] Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each championships committee. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.8.1.7 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14*)

21.8.2 Ice Hockey Committee, Women's. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of one member from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification into the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. (*Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/26/17 effective 7/18/17, 12/15/21 effective 9/1/22*)

21.9 Common Committees -- Committees With Governance Administration Responsibilities. [#]

21.9.1 Selection. [#] Each applicable division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the common committees with governance administration responsibilities. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's applicable membership divisions, including each subdivision of Division I. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/01*)

21.9.2 Operation. [#] The Board of Governors shall ratify policies regarding the length, location and expenses of common committee meetings. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/30/14*)

21.9.3 International Student Records Committee. [#]

21.9.3.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of six members, including two Division I representatives, two Division II representatives and two representatives who may be from either Division I or Division II. (*Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 5/9/07, 4/30/09, 10/29/09*)

21.9.3.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall assist in reviewing initial-eligibility standards for international students. The Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall annually review and approve the policies and procedures of the International-Student Records Committee. (*Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 10/29/15*)

21.9.3.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed for one three-year term. Members may be appointed to an additional term(s) on the committee after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served three consecutive terms on the committee may not serve further on that committee. (*Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 11/1/01*)

21.9.4 High School Review Committee. [#]

21.9.4.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15*)

- (a) One admissions officer of a Division I or Division II institution;
- (b) One staff member of a Division I or Division II institution or conference office;
- (c) One staff member of a Division I institution or conference;
- (d) One representative from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee;
- (e) Four representatives from the secondary-school community; and
- (f) One member selected at large from either the secondary-school community or a Division I or II institution or conference office.

21.9.4.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review and determination of the validity of a high school shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.2.) (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

21.9.4.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed to one four-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of July following the member's appointment. A member may be appointed to one additional term. An individual who has served two terms may not be re-appointed. The term of service of the member serving on the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall run concurrently with service on that committee. (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15*)

21.9.4.4 Appeals. [#] The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

21.9.5 Student Records Review Committee. [#]

21.9.5.1 Composition. [#] The committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows: (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15*)

- (a) One admissions officer of a Division I or Division II institution;
- (b) One staff member of a Division I or Division II institution or conference office;
- (c) One staff member of a Division I institution or conference;
- (d) One representative from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee;
- (e) Four representatives from the secondary-school community; and
- (f) One member selected at large from either the secondary-school community or a Division I or II institution or conference office.

21.9.5.2 Duties. [#] The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.3.) (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

21.9.5.3 Terms. [#] Committee members shall be appointed to one four-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of January following the member's appointment. A member may be appointed to one additional term. An individual who has served two terms may not be re-appointed. The term of service of the member serving on the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall run concurrently with service on that committee. (*Adopted: 4/26/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15*)

21.9.5.4 Appeals. [#] The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. (*Adopted: 4/27/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

21.10 Division I Committees.

21.10.1 Eligibility for Membership.

21.10.1.1 "On the Staff." Individuals serving on Division I committees, or as Division I representatives on Association-wide or common committees shall be salaried on a regular basis by a Division I institution or conference and perform a regular staff function representing at least 50 percent of the normal workload for a staff member at that institution or conference, unless otherwise specified. In addition, a conference office staff member must be employed at a single or multisport conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification and must be nominated by a multisport conference set forth in Bylaw 21.1.1. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/8/07, 8/7/14*)

21.10.1.1.1 Modification in Employment Status. If a committee member's employment status is altered to the extent that the individual no longer meets this requirement, the individual shall be replaced. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

21.10.1.1.2 Individuals on Sabbatical or Temporary Leave. An individual on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may be considered to be "on the staff" and eligible for committee membership. An individual on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve on a committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/7/14*)

21.10.1.1.3 Waiver of Replacement Requirement. The Council, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to waive this provision or to approve a delayed replacement if it deems that an immediate replacement would be detrimental to the work of the committee involved. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

21.10.1.1.4 Exception -- Secretary-Rules Editor. An individual serving as the secretary-rules editor on a sport rules committee shall not be subject to the "on the staff" requirement set forth in Bylaw 21.10.1.1. (*Adopted: 8/9/01*)

21.10.1.1.5 Exception -- Playing Rules Committees. Institutional staff members from Division II or Division III institutions that sponsor a Division I sport may serve on that sport's playing rules committee as a Division I

representative, provided at least 25 percent of the institutions that sponsor the sport are Division II or III institutions.
(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

21.10.2 Representation. No subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee unless approved by a vote of at least 85 percent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, the Council and football-related committees are not subject to this requirement. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 6/4/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

21.10.2.1 Exception. The following committees shall not be subject to the requirement that no subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee: (Adopted: 10/27/98, Revised: 11/1/01, 8/8/02, 10/31/02, 4/24/03, 4/29/04, 5/30/07, 1/14/08, 4/28/11, 8/7/14, 1/17/18 effective 8/1/18, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20)

- (a) Baseball Committee;
- (b) Men's Basketball Committee;
- (c) Women's Basketball Committee;
- (d) Committee on Academics;
- (e) Committee on Infractions;
- (f) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement;
- (g) Men's Gymnastics Committee;
- (h) Women's Gymnastics Committee;
- (i) Independent Accountability Oversight Committee;
- (j) Infractions Referral Committee;
- (k) Infractions Appeals Committee;
- (l) Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee;
- (m) Men's Soccer Committee;
- (n) Women's Soccer Committee;
- (o) Women's Softball Committee;
- (p) Women's Volleyball Committee; and
- (q) Men's Wrestling Committee.

21.10.3 Appointments, Methods of Selection and Term of Office.

21.10.3.1 Appointment of Committees. The Council shall make committee appointments. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

21.10.3.2 Term of Office of Committees. The term of office for members of committees shall be as follows: (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

- (a) Unless otherwise specified, members of committees shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former committee member may be appointed to an additional term on that committee after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee;
- (b) Unless otherwise specified, a term of office shall commence on the first day of September following the member's appointment;
- (c) Members who serve more than one-half of a term shall be considered to have served a full term; and
- (d) The chair of each committee may recommend to the Council that a member be replaced if the member is not properly discharging the member's duties.

21.10.4 Meeting Length and Sites. The Council, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, is responsible for developing policies governing the length, sites and expenses related to Division I committee meetings (see Bylaw 31.7.2). (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

21.10.5 Committees Reporting to the Committee on Academics.

21.10.5.1 Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee.

21.10.5.1.1 Composition. The Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee shall consist of 20 members. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/15/97, 10/30/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

21.10.5.1.2 Term of Office. A member's term of office shall commence on the first day of January following the member's appointment. (Adopted: 4/27/00)

21.10.5.1.3 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14*)

- (a) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of the initial-eligibility requirements in accordance with Bylaw 14.3.1.4. The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and
- (b) Consideration of appeals of staff decisions related to initial-eligibility waiver requests.

21.10.5.1.4 Appeals. After the NCAA staff has acted on an initial-eligibility matter, the involved institution may appeal the decision to the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. (*Adopted: 4/15/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10*)

21.10.5.2 Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee.

21.10.5.2.1 Composition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall consist of 14 members. (*Revised: 4/24/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/7/14*)

21.10.5.2.2 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for: (*Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, 8/7/14*)

- (a) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of all progress-toward-degree requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3 and all full-time enrollment requirements of Bylaw 14.2. The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and
- (b) Oversight of the process for reviewing requests for waivers of the two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The policies and procedures for the review of such waivers shall be approved by the Committee on Academics; and
- (c) Consideration of appeals of staff decisions related to waiver requests for which the committee has jurisdiction.

21.10.5.2.3 Appeals. After the NCAA staff has acted on a progress-toward-degree or two-year college transfer matter, the involved institution may appeal the decision to the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, Revised: 10/28/11 effective 4/1/12*)

21.10.5.3 Common Committees. The following committees shall report to the Committee on Academics regarding issues related to Division I: (*Adopted: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/7/14*)

- (a) International-Student Records Committee;
- (b) High School Review Committee; and
- (c) Student Records Review Committee.

21.10.6 Committees Reporting to the Council. The total composition of the seven standing committees of the Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Competition Oversight Committee, Football Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee) shall consist of approximately 95 members, as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. The composition of other committees that report to the Council is set forth below. (*Revised: 10/4/17*)

21.10.6.1 Men's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 10/4/17*)

21.10.6.1.1 Men's Basketball Committee. The Men's Basketball Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1, three members selected from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on basketball success and four members from the conferences ranked 13-32 based on basketball success. Basketball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships, excluding First Four wins. The committee shall include at least one member from each of the five Division I men's basketball regions and seven members selected at large. Not more than four committee members shall represent any single region. (*Revised: 10/4/17, 1/14/21 Immediate; composition achieved through normal attrition.*)

21.10.6.1.1.1 Term of Office. A committee member shall be appointed for a five-year term. (*Revised: 10/4/17*)

21.10.6.2 Women's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. (*Adopted: 10/4/17*)

21.10.6.2.1 Women's Basketball Committee. The Women's Basketball Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1, three members selected from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on basketball success and four members from the conferences ranked 13-32 based on basketball success. Basketball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. The committee shall include at least one member from each of the five Division I women's basketball regions and seven members selected at large. Not more than four committee members shall be from any single region. *(Revised: 10/4/17, 1/14/21 Immediate; composition achieved through normal attrition.)*

21.10.6.2.1.1 Term of Office. A committee member shall be appointed for a five-year term. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3 Competition Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Competition Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3.1 Sports Committees.

21.10.6.3.1.1 Rules Committees without Championships Responsibilities. These Association-wide committees shall report to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee for Division I review of the playing rules developed by those committees, which are applicable to all divisions. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3.1.2 Rules Committees with Championships Responsibilities. These common committees shall report to the Competition Oversight Committee for Division I review of the playing rules developed by those committees, which are applicable to all divisions. Each committee shall act as one body to formulate playing rules and to administer championships in those sports in which there is only a National Collegiate Championship. Division I members of each committee shall be responsible for administering the Division I championship in the sport. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3.1.2.1 Administration of Championships. Each committee shall develop policies and procedures governing the administration of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Competition Oversight Committee, and shall control, direct and supervise the conduct of said championships subject to the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 6/3/15, 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3.1.2.2 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.3.1.3 Committees with Championships Administration and Sports Issues Responsibilities. These sports committees shall be responsible for administering the Division I championships or National Collegiate Championships in the applicable sport. Those committees that administer National Collegiate Championships may include representatives from member institutions in Divisions II and III. Those committees administering Division I championships may meet with committees administering championships in the same sport in other divisions as appropriate for the efficient administration of the championships. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.6.3.1.3.1 Composition Requirements. For committees that administer championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each sports committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). For committees that administer championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each sports committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.10.6.3.1.3.2 Duties. Each committee shall be responsible for: *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

- (a) Developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Council and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by Bylaw 31; and
- (b) The review of issues related to the applicable sport.

21.10.6.3.1.3.3 Championships Selection Criteria. Each committee shall have the authority to establish championships selection criteria, including requirements to use regular-season playing rules that conform with rules used in NCAA championships under its jurisdiction in those sports for which the Association does not maintain playing rules. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.4 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Competition Oversight Committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.5 Baseball Committee. The Baseball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I baseball regions and five members selected at large. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 12/15/06, 10/5/16*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.6 Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee shall consist of eight members. Four members shall represent men's fencing interests, including one representative from each of the four men's fencing regions. Four members shall represent women's fencing interests, including one representative from each of the four women's fencing regions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.7 Field Hockey Committee. The Field Hockey Committee shall consist of six members. One member shall be selected from each of the five Division I field hockey regions, and one member shall be selected at large. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.8 Men's Golf Committee. The Men's Golf Committee shall consist of six members. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/28/99*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.9 Women's Golf Committee. The Women's Golf Committee shall consist of six members. (*Adopted: 10/28/99*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.10 Men's Gymnastics Committee. The Men's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of six members, including at least two representatives from each of the two men's gymnastics regions (East and West) and two representatives selected at large. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/24/03*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.11 Women's Gymnastics Committee. The Women's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of seven members, including six members from Division I and one member from Division II or III. The six Division I members shall include one member from each of the six women's gymnastics regions and the Division II or III member may represent any of the six women's gymnastics regions. Further, the Division II or III member shall be excluded in determining whether the 50 percent administrator committee composition requirements per Bylaw 21.7.1.2 are met. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/26/01*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.12 Men's Ice Hockey Committee. The Men's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of one member from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. Institutional staff members from Division II or Division III institutions that sponsor Division I men's ice hockey may serve on the committee. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01, 10/29/09 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.13 Men's Lacrosse Committee. The Men's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of five members, including two representatives from the North region, two representatives from the South region and one representative from the West region. Of the five members, at least two must be coaches. (*Revised: 4/27/06*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.14 Women's Lacrosse Committee. The Women's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of six members, including one representative from each of the four regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South and West/Midwest) and two representatives selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 5/18/05, 4/27/06*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.15 Women's Rowing Committee. The Women's Rowing Committee shall consist of seven members, including one from each of the five Division I women's rowing regions and two members selected at large. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.16 Men's Soccer Committee. The Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of eight members, including one member from each of the four Division I men's soccer regions and four members selected at large. Not more than three members may be appointed from the same region. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 12/15/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/5/16, 1/17/18 effective 8/1/18*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.17 Women's Soccer Committee. The Women's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I women's soccer regions and five members selected at large. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 12/15/06, 10/30/08, 10/5/16*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.18 Women's Softball Committee. The Women's Softball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one representative from each of the five regions. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 4/20/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/27/00, 12/15/06, 10/5/16*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.19 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee shall consist of 10 members. Four members of the committee shall represent men's swimming interests and four members shall represent women's swimming interests, including three positions allocated for men, three allocated for women and two unallocated. An additional two members shall represent diving interests, one representing men's diving and one representing women's diving. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.20 Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The Men's and Women's Tennis Committee shall consist of 12 members. Six members of the committee shall represent men's tennis interests and six members shall represent women's tennis interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated. Not more than one of the six members representing men's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I men's tennis regions. Not more than one of the six members representing women's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I women's tennis regions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/00, 10/27/06*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.21 Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee. The Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee shall consist of 12 members. Six members of the committee shall represent men's track and field and cross country interests and six members shall represent women's track and field and cross country interests, including four positions allocated for men, four allocated for women and four unallocated. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/3/15*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.22 Men's Volleyball Committee. The Men's Volleyball Committee shall consist of five members, including one member from each of the three men's volleyball regions and two members selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 5/1/19 effective 8/1/19*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.23 Women's Volleyball Committee. The Women's Volleyball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the five Division I women's volleyball districts and five members selected at large. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship Subdivision and Division I Subdivision institutions. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/27/98, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 12/15/06, 10/5/16*)

21.10.6.3.1.3.24 Men's Wrestling Committee. The Men's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members. (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

21.10.6.3.2 Association-Wide Committees. The following committees shall report to the Council Competition Oversight Committee regarding issues related to Division I: (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

- (a) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee; and
- (b) Playing Rules Oversight Panel (for informational purposes only).

21.10.6.4 Football Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Football Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.4.1 Football Championship Committee. The Football Championship Committee shall consist of one representative from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification for participation in the Division I Football Championship. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5 Legislative Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Legislative Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.1 Interpretations Committee. The Interpretations Committee shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.1.1 Composition. The Interpretations Committee shall consist of 11 members, including a representative from each of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1, a minimum of two members representing each subdivision and a minimum of one director of athletics/senior woman administrator, one campus compliance administrator, one conference administrator and one faculty athletics representative. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 8/7/14, 4/16/15)*

21.10.6.5.1.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 8/5/04)*

- (a) Determine interpretations of all legislation;
- (b) Review interpretations issued by the academic and membership affairs staff and, if necessary, modify such interpretations;
- (c) Respond to requests from the member institutions to interpret Division I bylaws (see Bylaw 9.3.1.2.1); and
- (d) Identify interpretations to be incorporated into the NCAA Division I Manual.

21.10.6.5.1.3 Special Operating Rules.

21.10.6.5.1.3.1 Limit on Authority. The committee shall not have the authority to alter interpretations that have been approved by the Legislative Committee. Its decision shall be binding unless overturned on appeal to the Legislative Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.1.3.2 Areas of Autonomy. The members of the committee who are representatives from the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 shall have the authority to act on behalf of the committee on matters that relate to the areas of autonomy listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.2. *(Adopted: 8/7/14)*

21.10.6.5.2 Committee for Legislative Relief. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.2.1 Composition. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall consist of seven members, including at least one representative from the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.2.1-(b), at least one representative from the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.2.1-(c), at least one representative from the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.2.1-(d) and at least one representative from the conferences listed in Bylaw 21.2.1-(e). One member of the committee shall be a member of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.2.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve up to one year after completion of athletics eligibility. The student-athlete member shall attend all in-person meetings and participate on teleconferences not associated with an appeal of a legislative relief waiver case. *(Adopted: 4/18/18)*

21.10.6.5.2.2 Duties. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall review appeals of waiver requests submitted to the NCAA staff for relief from the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation in which no other entity has the authority to act. In reaching its decision, the committee shall review the complete record in order to determine whether there is sufficient basis to grant relief from the application of the legislation. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall establish policies and procedures for reviewing such requests, subject to the review of the Legislative Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.2.3 Authority. A decision made by the Committee for Legislative Relief shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.3 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall report to the Legislative Committee. *(Revised: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.5.3.1 Composition. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall consist of five members. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 1/9/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.6.5.3.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. One member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve up to one year after completion of athletics eligibility. The student-athlete member shall attend all in-person meetings and participate on teleconferences not associated with an appeal of a reinstatement case. *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.6.5.3.2 Term of Office. Committee members shall be appointed for one three-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of July following the member's appointment. A committee member may be appointed to a second three-year term on the committee. An individual who has served two terms on the committee may not serve further on the committee. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/4/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.6.5.3.3 Duties. The committee shall have the authority under Bylaw 12.12 to determine all matters pertaining to the policies and procedures for the restoration of eligibility of a student-athlete who is ineligible for intercollegiate competition as a result of a violation of NCAA legislation and for waivers of legislation for which the committee has been authorized to act. *(Adopted: 1/11/01, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.6.5.3.3.1 Application of Eligibility Rules. In fulfilling the duties set forth above, the following shall apply: *(Adopted: 1/11/01, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/20/09, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) **Authority of the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff.** Subject to review by the Legislative Committee, the student-athlete reinstatement staff is authorized to apply the eligibility rules of the division.
- (b) **Appeals.** After the student-athlete reinstatement staff has acted on a reinstatement matter or waiver, the involved institution or conference may appeal the decision to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority.

21.10.6.6 Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.6.1 Association-Wide Committees. The following committees shall report to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee regarding issues related to Division I: *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

- (a) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports;
- (b) Honors Committee;
- (c) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee;
- (d) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee;
- (e) Research Committee;
- (f) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct;
- (g) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee; and
- (h) Committee on Women's Athletics.

21.10.6.7 Student-Athlete Experience Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.7.1 Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee. The Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee shall report to the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/6/17, Revised: 5/19/21)*

21.10.6.7.1.1 Composition. The committee shall consist of seven members, including four members from the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 and one member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 5/19/21)*

21.10.6.7.1.2 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining preenrollment amateurism certification policies and procedures, subject to the review of the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. Additionally, the committee shall be responsible for making a determination of facts related to the certification of a prospective student-athlete's amateur status on appeal of an institution related to a final determination of facts by the staff of the NCAA Eligibility Center. The student-athlete member of the committee shall not participate in such an appeal. Additional policies and procedures governing such an appeal shall be approved by the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. *(Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 5/19/21)*

21.10.6.7.1.3 Authority. A decision made by the Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority. *(Adopted: 10/4/17, Revised: 5/19/21)*

21.10.6.8 Nominating Committee.

21.10.6.8.1 Composition. The committee shall consist of 12 members, including four representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, four from Football Championship Subdivision conferences, and four from Division I Subdivision conferences. *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

21.10.6.8.2 Duties. The committee shall: *(Adopted: 10/4/17)*

- (a) Recommend representatives for all Division I committees (e.g., sport committees) other than Council standing committees and recommend representatives to fill Division I vacancies on Association-wide committees; and
- (b) Conduct a semiannual review of demographic data of Division I governance entities and Division I representation on Association-wide committees, including a review of gender and diversity pursuant to the requirements of Bylaw 21.02.3, and provide a report to the Council Coordination Committee and the Council.

21.10.6.9 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

21.10.6.9.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of one student-athlete from each of the conferences identified in Bylaw 21.1.1. The members shall be selected by the Council from a pool of two nominees from each of the represented conferences. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/29/15)*

21.10.6.9.2 Term of Office. A student-athlete member shall not serve more than two years on the committee but may request appointment for another two-year term, subject to the Council's approval. A member's term of office shall commence on the first day of June following the member's appointment. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10, 8/7/14, 1/14/16)*

21.10.6.9.3 Duties. The committee shall receive information and explanations of divisional activities and legislation, review and react to topics referred to it by other governance entities and comment to the governance structure on any divisional subject of interest. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

21.10.7 Committees Reporting to Board of Directors.

21.10.7.1 Presidential Forum.

21.10.7.1.1 Composition. Giving due weight to gender and ethnic diversity, the Presidential Forum shall consist of one president or chancellor from each of the conferences identified in Bylaw 21.1.1-(a), (b) and (c). As a minimal goal, the group membership shall include at least one person who is an ethnic minority and at least one person of each gender, and a single member shall not be considered to meet both minimums. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 3/8/06, 12/15/06, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.10.7.1.2 Term of Office. A member shall be appointed for a three-year term. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.10.7.1.3 Duties. The Division I Presidential Forum shall advise and provide input on issues impacting the division to the Board of Directors. *(Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 12/15/06, 1/14/09, 4/30/09, 8/7/14, 4/30/15)*

21.10.7.2 Committee on Academics. The Committee on Academics shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Bylaw 21.3. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

21.10.7.3 Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Bylaw 19.3. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.7.4 Infractions Appeals Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall be appointed and its duties assigned as provided in Bylaw 19.4. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

21.10.8 Concussion Safety Protocol Committee. [A]

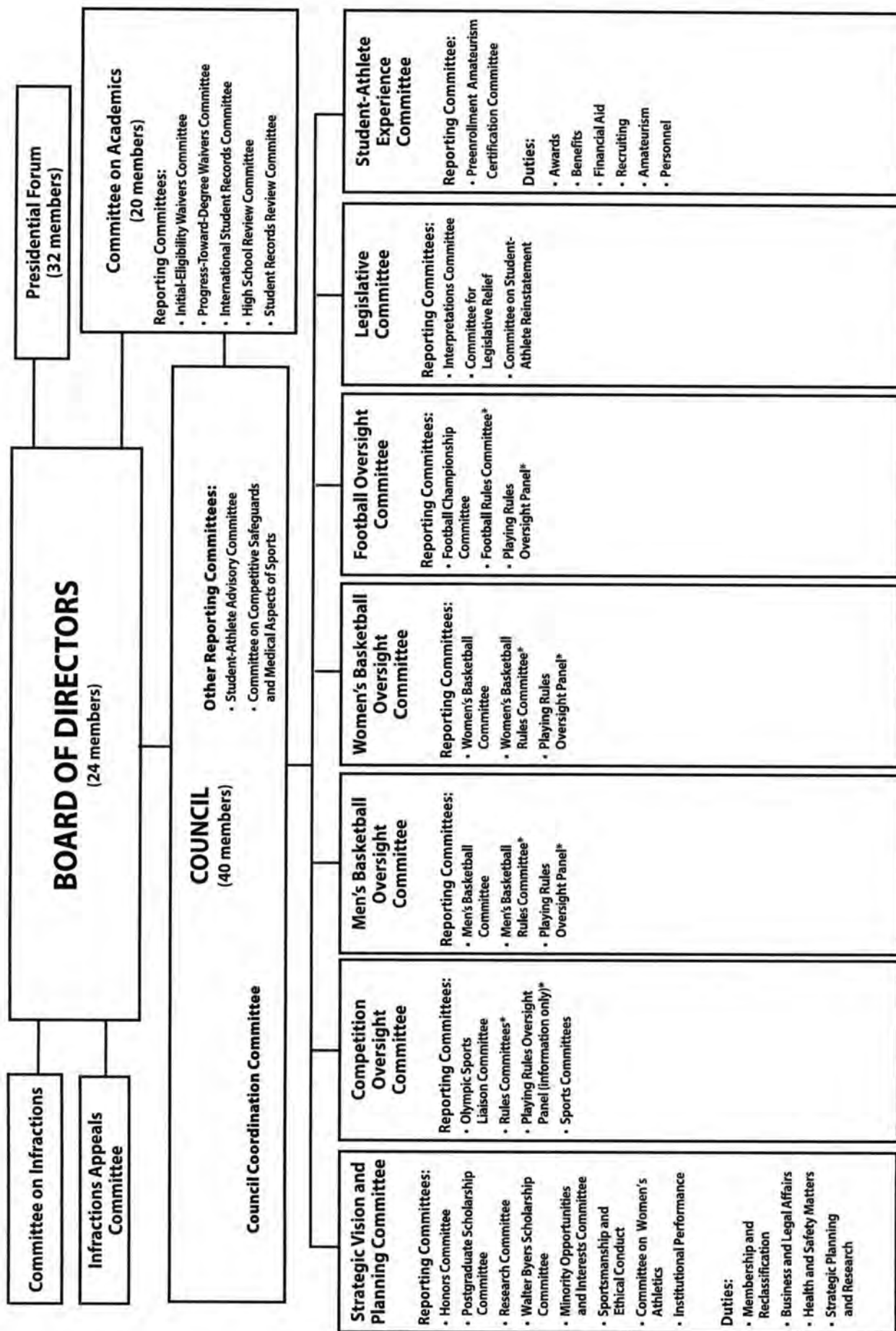
21.10.8.1 Composition. [A] The Concussion Safety Protocol Committee shall consist of six members. One member shall be appointed by the NCAA president. One member shall be appointed by each commissioner of the five conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1. Each representative shall be a medically qualified individual who has appropriate knowledge and competence to fulfill the duties of the committee. *(Adopted: 1/17/15)*

21.10.8.2 Term of Office. [A] A committee member may be removed at any time at the discretion of the appropriate appointing authority (NCAA president or specific conference commissioner). *(Adopted: 1/17/15)*

21.10.8.3 Duties. [A] The committee shall: *(Adopted: 1/17/15, Revised: 5/23/17, 2/13/20)*

- (a) Review each institution's Concussion Safety Protocol for consistency with the requirements of Bylaw 20.2.4.20.1 by June 30 of the calendar year in which it is submitted; and
- (b) Provide guidance and updates concerning expectations and requirements for Concussion Safety Protocols and best practices for baseline testing, prevention, education, evaluation and management of concussions in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.

FIGURE 21-1
Division I Governance Structure



*For information purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE, ARTICLE 31

Executive Regulations

31.01 General Principles.

31.01.1 Names of Championships. All NCAA championships (see Bylaw 18.3) have formal designations that identify their appropriate category and sport classification (see Bylaw 31.02.2). The name of each championship is the property of the Association (see Bylaw 31.6).

31.01.2 Postseason Championship Opportunities. NCAA championships are intended to provide national-championship competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport seasons, with consideration for regional structures that may be approved for certain championships.

31.01.3 Size of Championship Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. (See Bylaw 31.3.1 for the criteria to be considered in establishing the size of the championship field.) *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.01.4 Economy of Operation. Every sports committee (see Bylaws 21.02.5 through 21.02.7) and games committee (Bylaw 31.1.2) shall exercise all possible economy in the conduct of an NCAA championship.

31.02 Definitions and Applications.

31.02.1 Automatic Qualification. Automatic qualification is the automatic entry into a championship field by a team or individual student-athletes representing a member conference recommended by the appropriate sports committee and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee (see Bylaw 31.3.4). *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.02.2 Championships Classification and Terminology.

31.02.2.1 Team Championships. Generally, team championships are those conducted for the team sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.1). The title of a team championship is always singular and is identified as a National Collegiate Championship or a division championship (e.g., National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship, Division I Men's Basketball Championship).

31.02.2.2 Individual-Team Championships. Generally, individual-team championships are those conducted for the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2). The title of an individual-team championship is always plural, reflecting the fact that both individual and team championships are determined (e.g., National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships, Division I Women's Tennis Championships).

31.02.3 Core Conference. A core conference is a multisport conference that has been elected to membership and, as a result of legislation, is identified in the applicable sections of Bylaw 21 related to representation in the NCAA governance structure. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 1/20/22)*

31.02.4 Misconduct. Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 8/15/89, 8/13/92, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.

31.1.1 Authority for Conduct of Championships. As specified in Bylaw 18.1, all NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the standards and conditions set forth in these executive regulations. Additional policies of an administrative nature are set forth in the respective championships handbooks and are to be followed in the administration of NCAA championships. *(Revised: 8/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.1.1 Waivers. The NCAA president shall be authorized to grant waivers of executive regulations governing the conduct of an NCAA championship when warranted by special and unusual circumstances.

31.1.1.2 Appeal of Decisions of Sports Committees. An appeal of a decision of a governing sports committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, concerning questions of individual or institutional eligibility or the conduct of a championship will not be considered by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee

at any time during the championship or 48 hours immediately preceding the beginning of the championship. During such period, the governing sports committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, shall be the final authority in acting upon appeals concerning the conduct of the championship, subject to the provisions of Bylaw 31.2 regarding institutional and individual eligibility questions. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.2 Games Committee. The governing sports committee shall appoint a games committee to supervise actively the conduct of each championship session. The games committee conducting any NCAA championship shall limit participation to eligible student-athletes and may limit the number of entries or reject any application for entry in any event in order that the competition shall best promote the welfare and interest of the sport involved.

31.1.3 Sites and Dates. The governing sports committees recommend to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee the sites and dates for all NCAA championships. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.1 Approval. Approval shall be obtained before final site commitments are made to the host institution or any other individual or organization associated with the management of an NCAA championship. However, in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, the governing sports committees are authorized to select sites for preliminary rounds of competition without prior approval. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These criteria shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain approval before doing so. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.1 Criteria for Site Determination. The following criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all competition in NCAA championships: *(Revised: 11/1/01, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
- (b) Revenue potential (e.g., a financial guarantee or guideline that ensures fiscal responsibility and is appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee);
- (c) Attendance history and potential;
- (d) Geographical location; and
- (e) Championships operating costs.

31.1.3.2.1.1 Site Bid Information. Sports committees shall submit information related to championships site bids in a format approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.2 Nonpredetermined Site. If a championship site is not predetermined, the governing sports committee may award the site to the higher-ranked team if the above criteria, and any priorities established by the respective division championships committee, are met.

31.1.3.2.3 On-Campus Versus Off-Campus Sites. Preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in the buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons, based on evaluation of the criteria in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (which shall be applied to both on-campus and off-campus sites), to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility. In those instances in which it is advisable to conduct the competition at off-campus sites, the host institution(s) shall have complete control, supervision and management of the facility being used. *(Revised: 12/3/90)*

31.1.3.2.4 Reconsideration of Host Institution. The applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee may reconsider the designation of a host institution for an NCAA championship if that institution's team or individual student-athletes are not eligible to compete in the championship. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.1.3.2.5 Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. In championships that do not generate revenue and for which only 25 percent of the bracket is seeded, seeded teams shall have the opportunity to host preliminary rounds. Conference opponents shall be avoided in the first two rounds of the championships. *(Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)*

31.1.3.3 Concluding Dates. NCAA championships competition shall be concluded not later than May 31 each year unless later dates are approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. (Note: Waivers have been granted for the Division I Baseball Championship, the Division I Men's Golf Championships, the Division I Softball Championship, and the Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.) (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)

31.1.4 Day of Competition. NCAA championships competition may be scheduled or conducted on any day, provided the governing sports committee has received the prior approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee and the following regulations are applied. (Revised: 4/22/98, 8/11/98, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)

31.1.4.1 Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall submit its written policy to the governing sports committee on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

31.1.4.2 Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

31.1.4.3 Rescheduling. If an emergency develops that causes postponement of an NCAA championship, or if the competitive situation dictates a more expeditious completion of the meet or tournament, Sunday competition may be permitted, provided the competing institutions are agreeable and advance approval is obtained from the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)

31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin prior to noon, local time.

31.1.4.4.1 Exception. Sports committees may reschedule competition to begin prior to noon on Sunday if extenuating circumstances arise (e.g., weather) that would affect the health and safety of the participants or otherwise cause postponement of the championship. (Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 10/30/03)

31.1.4.4.2 Exception -- Men's Golf and Women's Rowing Championships. In instances in which the final day of the men's golf or women's rowing championships occurs on a Sunday, competition may begin prior to noon. (Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/14/12)

31.1.4.4.3 Exception -- Women's Golf Championships. Competition conducted on Sunday in the women's golf championships may begin prior to noon. (Adopted: 10/29/15)

31.1.4.4.4 Exception -- Men's and Women's Fencing Championships. Competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing championships may begin prior to noon. (Adopted: 10/29/15)

31.1.5 Squad Limits. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sports committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of the competition shall not exceed the prescribed number. An institution that is advised that it is in violation of this regulation and that does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

31.1.6 Playing Rules.

31.1.6.1 Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports. In those men's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6): (Revised: 4/20/11, 1/23/19, 5/2/19)

- (a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;
- (b) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;
- (c) Gymnastics -- International Gymnastics Federation Rules;
- (d) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules;
- (e) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides;
- (f) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules; and
- (g) Volleyball -- U.S. Volleyball Association Rules.

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by

modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6): (*Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/20/11, 1/23/19, 5/2/19*)

- (a) Fencing -- U.S. Fencing Association Rules;
- (b) Field Hockey -- International Field Hockey Rules;
- (c) Golf -- U.S. Golf Association Rules;
- (d) Gymnastics -- International Gymnastics Federation Women's Code of Points with the U.S. Gymnastics Federation Class I, Competition I-B rules and the USGF modifications;
- (e) Rifle -- USA Shooting Rules;
- (f) Rowing -- U.S. Rowing Rules;
- (g) Skiing -- International Ski Federation and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Competition Guides; and
- (h) Tennis -- U.S. Tennis Association Rules.

31.1.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules -- Consistency Among Divisions. Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions. (*Adopted: 1/23/19*)

31.1.7 Logo Restrictions -- Bench Personnel. The logo restrictions on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply during NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in NCAA news conferences. (*Adopted: 8/11/98 effective 8/1/99 those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored provided such contracts were in effect before 8/1/98*)

31.1.8 Logo Restrictions -- Noncompeting Participants. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events. (*Adopted: 8/11/98 effective 8/1/99*)

31.1.9 Medical Disqualification. The student-athlete's team physician shall examine each athlete injured during NCAA competition and make a recommendation to the athlete, the coach and the chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, as to the advisability of continued participation or disqualification of the athlete. In the absence of said team physician, the NCAA tournament physician, as recommended by the host institution and approved by the governing sports committee, shall examine the injured athlete and make a recommendation as noted above. The chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, shall be responsible for enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification.

31.1.10 Misconduct. Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.4).

31.1.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. An act of misconduct may be found upon an administrative hearing granted to the student-athlete or the institutional representative involved by the governing sports committee or the games committee authorized to act for it.

31.1.10.2 Misconduct Incident During Competition. If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which the individual is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing following this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the governing sports committee's convenience. (*Revised: 8/13/92*)

31.1.10.3 Penalty for Misconduct. A governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct: (*Revised: 8/13/92, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

- (a) Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- (b) Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- (c) Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more following championships of the sport involved;
- (d) Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individuals involved;
- (e) Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;

- (f) Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more following championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- (g) Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- (h) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- (i) Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (h) above, but only if they have prior approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

31.1.10.4 Ban from Subsequent Championship. When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a subsequent championship, such penalty shall be applied to the next tournament(s) in which the individual's team is involved and the individual otherwise is eligible to participate. In the case of an individual event, the penalty shall be applied to the next meet(s) or tournament(s) for which the individual qualifies and otherwise is eligible to participate.

31.1.10.5 Review of Action. Any action related to misconduct may be reviewed by the governing sports committee upon request of any institution participating in the championship.

31.1.11 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.

31.1.11.1 Financial Penalties. Pursuant to established policies and procedures, a governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 5/7/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/29/09, 8/7/14, 4/26/17 effective 8/1/17)*

31.1.11.2 Late-Entry Fines. Institutions shall not be charged entry fees for teams or student-athletes competing in NCAA championships, but governing sports committees may establish late-entry fines, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

31.1.12 Awards. The Association has created standard participant and commemorative awards for individuals and teams that participate in NCAA championships. The number of such awards for each championship shall be determined by the governing sports committee, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee (men's basketball, women's basketball or football) or the Competition Oversight Committee (for all other sports). These official NCAA awards shall be the only awards presented by the Association to teams and individuals for participation in NCAA championships competition and shall be the only awards presented at the site of an NCAA championship. "At the site" is intended to include the period from the time access to the site is available to spectators until all patrons have left the facility or area used for competition. (See Figure 16-1, Figure 16-2 and Figure 16-3 for additional limitations on awards.) *(Revised: 8/8/02, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)*

31.1.12.1 Additional Awards. Subject to the director of athletics' discretion, an institution may purchase standard participant or commemorative awards at the level in which the institution competed. The NCAA awards form shall be used to purchase additional awards. *(Adopted: 8/8/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 5/18/05)*

31.1.12.2 Other Permissible Awards. The above provision places no restriction on the presentation of awards at banquets or meetings held in conjunction with the championship or at sites other than that of the championships competition itself.

31.1.13 Admission and Tickets. Admission shall be charged at all NCAA championships unless a governing sports committee determines that charging admission is not feasible because of facility configuration or the expense relative to the event's attendance history. Ticket prices shall be determined by the respective games committees with the approval of the governing sports committee.

31.2 Eligibility for Championships.

31.2.1 Institutional Eligibility. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in NCAA championships, an institution shall recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Bylaw 17.02.18) and shall meet the institutional requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2 applicable to the division in which the institution is a member or for which it is petitioning for eligibility in a sport. An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(a)].

31.2.1.1 Commitment to Participate. Eligible members in a sport that are not also members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics will participate (if selected) in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport. *(Revised: 8/12/91)*

31.2.1.2 Deadline. The institutional eligibility requirements for entry into NCAA championships (see Bylaw 18.4.2) must be met by the following dates [in addition to the deadline for the academic reporting form required for Division I set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.2-(c)]:

- (a) September 15 for fall championships;
- (b) December 1 for winter championships; and
- (c) March 1 for spring championships.

31.2.1.2.1 Compliance with Deadline. Any dues check or approved form required shall be received in the national office by the applicable date or must have been postmarked not later than seven days prior to the applicable date.

31.2.1.3 Deadline Waivers. Institutions that fail to meet a deadline for institutional eligibility in NCAA championships may appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee for a waiver. If the appeal is granted, the institution may be restored to eligibility for NCAA championships. (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

31.2.1.3.1 Penalty for Additional Waiver. An institution that fails to meet a deadline again may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of \$150 for the second offense and \$300 for each offense thereafter during the five-year period preceding the last offense. On approval of such waiver and receipt of the institution's check in the national office, the institution may compete in NCAA championships, provided it is otherwise eligible. (*Revised: 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08*)

31.2.1.4 Joint-Declaration Program. The NCAA and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics together administer a joint-declaration program in those men's and women's sports in which there is a date conflict between the national championships of the two organizations. In such championships, each institution that holds membership in both organizations must declare by mid-September each year whether it will participate (if selected) in the NAIA championship, in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport. An institution that fails to submit the joint-declaration form by the established deadline shall be ineligible to compete in both associations' championships in the particular sport(s) that year. An appeal process exists for such institutions and such an appeal may be submitted to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

31.2.1.5 National Collegiate Championships. In team sports in which the NCAA offers only one national championship, all member institutions in good standing are eligible to compete in accordance with the requirements of division membership (see Bylaw 20.10) and institutional eligibility (per Bylaw 31.2.1).

31.2.1.6 Division Championships. In those sports in which national-championship competition is offered in more than one division, only those member institutions that meet the membership requirements of the respective divisions or requirements applicable to institutions competing outside their membership divisions are eligible to compete in such division championships (see Bylaw 20).

31.2.1.7 Eligibility Requirements. Institutional eligibility for all championships shall be limited to member institutions that meet institutional eligibility requirements (see Bylaw 31.2.1) and any additional requirements specified in the applicable championships handbooks.

31.2.1.7.1 Eligibility of Participants. An institution shall advise the NCAA championships staff if a student-athlete who has participated in regular-season competition becomes ineligible before the date on which the governing sports committee selects championship participants, as indicated in the appropriate championships handbook.

31.2.1.7.1.1 Failure to Report Ineligible Student-Athlete Prior to Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete prior to being selected to participate in the championship, the governing sports committee may declare the institution ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or two years.

31.2.1.7.1.2 Discovery of Ineligibility of Student-Athlete After Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

31.2.1.7.1.3 Review of Violation of Terms of Availability Questionnaire. When an institution is alleged to have violated the terms of an availability questionnaire (e.g., failing to report an ineligible student-athlete), it may be represented at the meeting of the governing sports committee when the committee determines whether a violation occurred and, if so, whether the institution shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or more years. The institution may submit a written statement or make an in-person presentation, or both. After the governing sports committee has ruled on the matter, its decision shall be final unless the institution appeals the decision to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. The applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee shall hear the appeal at one of its regularly scheduled meetings unless there are compelling reasons to conduct a special meeting for such purpose. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.2.1.7.2 Protest Regarding Eligibility of Team. Any team that has been duly certified as eligible for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the progress of the competition or during a period 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, a team may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided such protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.

31.2.2 Individual Eligibility. All student-athletes, regardless of division, must meet the eligibility standards established for NCAA championships competition. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaws 12 and 14, in which there also is reference to other legislation regarding eligibility of the individual student-athlete. Other specific requirements for eligibility for NCAA championships (e.g., authority of the Committee on Academics, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, amateur status certification and ineligibility for use of banned drugs) are set forth in Bylaws 10.3, 10.4 and 18.4.1. *(Revised: 3/5/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14, 6/29/16)*

31.2.2.1 Eligibility Requirements. A member institution shall not enter a student-athlete, as an individual or as a member of a team, in an NCAA championship unless the student-athlete satisfies the relevant eligibility requirements of Bylaw 14. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.2.2.2 Protest of Eligibility Status. Any student-athlete duly certified by the institution for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the championship or during the 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, the student may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided the protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.

31.2.2.3 Participation While Ineligible. When a student-athlete competing as an individual or representing the institution in a team championship is declared ineligible following the competition, or a penalty has been prescribed or action taken as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.7-(g) or 19.13, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may require the following: *(Revised: 8/15/89, 4/26/01, 7/31/14, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

- (a) **Individual Competition.** The individual's performance may be stricken from the championships records, the points the student has contributed to the team's total may be deleted, the team standings may be adjusted accordingly, and any awards involved may be returned to the Association. For those championships in which individual results are recorded by time, points or stroke totals (cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, rifle, swimming and skiing), the placement of other competitors may be altered and awards presented accordingly. For those championships in which individual results are recorded by advancement through a bracket or head-to-head competition, the placement of other competitors shall not be altered.
- (b) **Team Competition.** The record of the team's performance may be deleted, the team's place in the final standings may be vacated, and the team's trophy and the ineligible student's award may be returned to the Association.

31.2.2.4 Institutional Penalty for Ineligible Participation. When an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete or the institution knew or had reason to know of the ineligibility, the Committee on Infractions or Independent Resolution Panel may assess a financial penalty. *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)*

31.3 Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation. A list of the institutions in good standing shall be supplied by the NCAA president to the chair of each governing sports committee and to the athletics director of the host institution. This list should be observed carefully to ensure that no entries are accepted from or invitations extended to ineligible institutions.

31.3.1 Size of Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. *(Revised: 8/13/93, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.3.2 Selection Decisions of Sports Committees. The determination of sites, selection of teams or individuals, or their site assignment in championships competition made by a governing sports committee (or a designated subcommittee) may not be appealed.

31.3.3 Criteria for Selection of Participants. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition, and a governing sports committee that wishes to use additional criteria must obtain approval from the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee before doing so: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

- (a) Won-lost record;
- (b) Strength of schedule; and
- (c) Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

31.3.3.1 Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Bylaw 20.2.4.6) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

31.3.3.2 Qualifying Standards. Individuals and teams required to meet performance standards to qualify for NCAA championships competition shall achieve such standards in meets held during the same academic year as the particular championship.

31.3.3.3 Ineligible Student-Athletes on Team. The presence on a varsity squad of one or more student-athletes who are ineligible, or unavailable due to injury, for NCAA championships competition does not necessarily disqualify that team from consideration. If such a student-athlete contributed materially to the team's success during the season, the committee may choose not to select that team, based on the conclusion that without the use of the ineligible or unavailable student-athlete, the team would not have been able to compile the record that brought it before the committee for consideration. It shall be the responsibility of the governing sports committee to apply the criterion "contributed materially" to each case as it arises.

31.3.3.4 Removal of Committee Member from Selection Process. If a team or individual athlete of the institution of a member of the governing sports committee is under consideration for selection, that person shall withdraw from the committee deliberations while that team or individual is being considered and shall not participate in any discussion or vote affecting that particular selection. The chair of the committee may appoint a replacement if it is deemed necessary. In the event the chair must withdraw, an individual shall be appointed by the chair to assume the responsibilities of the chair. The new chair may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy if it is deemed necessary. In the event a replacement is appointed, geographical representation on the committee shall be maintained insofar as possible.

31.3.3.5 Exclusion of Institution Reclassifying from Division II to Division I. In all sports, any Division II institution that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I per Bylaw 20.7.1.1 or that has petitioned to reclassify to Division I per Bylaw 20.7.3.1 no longer shall be eligible to participate in any subsequent NCAA Division II championship. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sport committee shall forward annually to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee those conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams or individual student-athletes into NCAA championships. Prior to forwarding the list of conferences to receive automatic qualification, a governing sport committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.6. A member conference may appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee the automatic-qualification review of the sport committee and the committee's decision to find, or not find, a conference qualified for automatic-qualification status. The decision on such appeals will be final. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.3.4.1 Requirements -- Division I Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in a Division I Championship, a member conference must meet the following requirements: *(Revised: 12/9/91, 8/13/93, 12/5/94, 10/18/95, 10/27/98, 4/20/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 12/15/06)*

- (a) Conference competition must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application. If a conference's competition to determine its automatic qualifier is unexpectedly terminated (e.g., due to inclement weather), the conference may designate its qualifier, provided it has established objective criteria for making that designation and has communicated that information to the appropriate sports committee by a specified deadline.
- (b) In the event of a tie for the conference championship, the conference shall have the responsibility of determining which team or individual shall represent the conference in NCAA competition. If a play-off is held, such competition shall be considered conference competition, not NCAA competition.
- (c) In sports other than championship subdivision football, a conference may establish subdivisions and conduct competition within each subdivision to determine a conference champion, as long as each subdivision consists of at least four members. A conference with subdivisions of four members must conduct double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament, to determine its champion. A conference with subdivisions of five or more members may conduct either single or double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament to determine its champion. (Note: This regulation does not apply to Division I men's or women's basketball. In those sports, a conference may conduct either double round-robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 conference games in order to determine its champion.)
- (d) In championship subdivision football, football-playing conferences that subdivide into five or more teams are required to conduct a single round-robin competition within each division and develop a formula for determination of the conference champion, which must be approved by the Football Championship Committee prior to the start of the season. A postseason championship game is not required.
- (e) The conference must maintain and actively enforce compliance with eligibility rules at least as stringent as those in Bylaw 14 applicable to its members. The use of an ineligible student-athlete by a team in a conference that has been granted automatic qualification may result in the involved team being denied the right to be the automatic entry in the NCAA championship. The governing sports committee may recommend loss of the automatic-qualification privilege for the conference during the season in which the violation occurred or for a future championship.
- (f) All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the applicable NCAA championship. If a conference champion is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. Automatic qualification for a conference shall not be withdrawn if a conference champion declines to compete in an NCAA championship for reasons related to written religious policies against competition on certain days. Under such circumstances, the conference's second-place team (as determined by the conference) shall receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championship.
- (g) All institutions may hold membership in only that conference in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought and may participate in only that conference's process to determine the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.1.1 Notification -- Automatic Qualification in Jeopardy. A governing sports committee must issue a written warning one year in advance to a conference that is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification. (Note: This regulation does not apply to championships in which a play-in system has been established.)

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification in a National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: (*Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

- (a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division (Note: A provisional member in the process of becoming an NCAA member may not be used to meet the requisite number.);
- (b) The six active members must have conducted conference competition together for the preceding two years in the applicable sport;
- (c) There shall be no waivers of the two-year waiting period; and
- (d) Any new member added to a conference that is eligible for an automatic bid shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.3 Additional Requirements -- Sports Other Than Basketball.

31.3.4.3.1 Multisport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multisport conference (see Bylaw 20.02.8) must be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3) and must include six

institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together. (*Revised: 4/27/00 10/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/5/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

31.3.4.3.2 Single-Sport Conference. To be considered for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a single-sport member conference for a sport sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership must include six institutions that have conducted conference competition together the preceding two years in the sport in question at the Division I level. (*Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06*)

31.3.4.3.3 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of the withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together, provided the conference maintains at least five Division I members. (*Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements -- Basketball. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in basketball, a member conference must be a core conference (see Bylaw 31.02.3) and must meet the requirements of Bylaw 20.02.8. (*Revised: 8/14/90, 12/3/90, 4/27/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

31.3.4.4.1 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below seven institutions that sponsor the sport and conduct conference competition together, provided the conference maintains at least six Division I members (see Bylaw 20.02.8). (*Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

31.3.4.5 Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows: (*Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17, 6/23/20 effective 8/1/20*)

- (a) **Team Sports** -- baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, bowling, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo. In this category, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee, a sport committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement for sports that are sponsored by less than 30 percent of the membership, provided the conference previously included six teams that sponsored the sport;
- (b) **Timed Individual Sports** -- indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and swimming; and
- (c) **Other Individual Sports** -- cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, tennis and men's wrestling. In this category, a sports committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

31.3.4.6 Limitations on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.

31.3.4.6.1 Team Sports Other Than Men's Basketball. In team sports, per Bylaw 31.3.4.5-(a), excluding football and any team sport in which automatic qualification is not offered, the sport committee must award, if a sufficient number of applications for automatic qualification exist, at least 50 percent of the championship field to conferences that meet automatic-qualification criteria and provide play-in criteria. In sports other than men's volleyball, men's water polo and women's water polo, the remaining 50 percent of the championship field shall be reserved for at-large teams. It will be the responsibility of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee to determine if a conference play-in to a championship field is to be administered by the NCAA championships staff or by the member conferences. (*Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)

31.3.4.6.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, subject to the championships-access guarantee afforded to members as set forth in Bylaw 18.01.3 (e.g., all contests that are part of the championship shall be administered and funded by the NCAA and broadcast on television and any team that participates in the championship shall be awarded at least one financial unit), there shall be a minimum of 34 at-large selections and the remainder of the championship field automatic-qualifying positions. All competition in the championship is to be administered by the NCAA championships staff. (*Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 12/15/06*)

31.3.5 Selection of Balance of Championship Field. Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall consider objectively and without prejudice the competitive records of all other eligible student-athletes and teams (including representatives of the other members of the conferences receiving automatic qualification). To the best of its ability, the committee shall select the most highly qualified individuals and teams to complete the championship field in accordance with the regional structure, if any, approved for the particular championship.

31.3.6 Institution Trademarks. Participation in a national collegiate championship constitutes acquiescence by the member institution that the Association may use the institution's name, mascot and other identifying marks in championship-related activities, including television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs incident to the championship. Revenues derived from such activities, less expenses, will be remitted to the member institution. *(Revised: 11/3/93)*

31.4 Financial Administration of Championships.

31.4.1 Host Institution's Responsibility. The host institution shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with this bylaw and consistent with the institution's championship budget, as submitted to and approved by the governing sports committee and the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.1.1 Institution's Financial Report. A financial report from each championship site shall be submitted to the NCAA president not later than 60 days following the conclusion of the competition and shall bear certification of the athletics director of the host institution. The report shall be submitted on a form approved and provided by the NCAA president.

31.4.1.1.1 Exclusions. A host institution or sponsoring agency shall not include in its financial report or in its percentage of net receipts television rights fees or income from the sale of championships merchandise. Also, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts if the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency.

31.4.2 Gross Receipts. Gross receipts shall be all revenues derived from the championship, including:

- (a) Sale of tickets. All tickets shall be accounted for at face value and shall become a part of gross receipts. Working passes may be provided to bona fide working personnel, including media representatives; and participation passes may be provided to student-athletes competing in the championship and to their coaches, athletic trainers, managers and other members of the participating institution's official party as defined by the Association;
- (b) Net revenue from marketing items sold at the site through or by an outside agency under contract with the NCAA;
- (c) Program sales and advertising;
- (d) Radio, television and movie rights; and
- (e) Any other income derived from the operation of the championship.

31.4.2.1 Exclusions. Income from concessions and parking shall accrue to the host institution or sponsoring agency and is not included in gross receipts. Sales commissions received by a host institution for selling marketing items on behalf of an outside agency under contract with the NCAA shall accrue to the host institution.

31.4.2.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for the gross receipts of championships shall be approved in advance by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.3 Game Expenses. Game expenses are the actual costs directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship, including specifically the costs for tickets (printing, selling and collecting), sales taxes, ushers, game officials, police, buildings and grounds expenses, printing of related materials, motion pictures of the competition (if authorized by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee), reasonable entertainment, expenses of selection committees authorized by the governing sports committee and any other out-of-pocket expense directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship. *(Revised: 12/2/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.3.1 Exclusions. The following items shall not be included as game expenses:

- (a) The cost of permanent equipment, local transportation of competing teams and on-campus facility rental charges; and
- (b) A fee or honorarium for athletics department staff members of the host institution (e.g., athletics director, assistant athletics director, business manager, ticket manager, coach, sports information director or athletic trainer). (Note: Such a payment could be made from the host institution's share of net receipts.)

31.4.3.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for game expenses shall be approved in advance by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.4 Institutional Allowance. The host institution may share in the balance remaining after game expenses are deducted from the gross receipts. Television rights fees and income from championships programs and merchandise produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency shall not be included in determining the host institution's allowance.

31.4.4.1 Permissible Allowances. The amount of institutional allowance varies with the sport, the level of championships competition, whether there is a common site for men's and women's championships and whether an institution's facilities are used. The permissible institutional allowances (from balance of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses) are as follows: *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

	TEAM		INDIVIDUAL	
	Preliminary	Final	Preliminary	Final
One day	\$575	\$1,150	\$700	\$1,725
Two days	\$750	\$1,450	\$870	\$2,000
Three or more days	\$920	\$1,725	\$1,150	\$2,300

-- For championships conducted at institutional facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance above or a maximum of 15 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses (20 percent for the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship), whichever is greater.

-- For championships conducted at off-campus facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance or a maximum of 10 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses, upon the recommendation of the sports committee and approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

-- Amount is doubled for common-site men's and women's championships.

31.4.4.2 Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to allowances to host institutions:

- (a) If an institution's department of intercollegiate athletics must pay a rental fee for the use of an on-campus facility, such fee shall be deducted from the institution's share of the net receipts or allowance; and
- (b) No other sum from the receipts of an NCAA championship, or from any other source, shall be paid to the college or university sponsoring or acting as host of the NCAA championship except to cover actual and necessary expenses directly incurred in the conduct of the championship as noted in Bylaw 31.4.3.

31.4.5 Administrative Expenses. After the institution's allowance has been deducted, the athletics director of the host institution shall forward the remaining receipts to the NCAA president, who then deducts administrative expenses and costs incurred by governing sports committees and their representatives in matters of championships administration.

31.4.6 Transportation and Per Diem Expenses. Subject to the availability of funds, the Association may pay transportation and per diem expenses incurred by teams and individual competitors in NCAA championships competition. Transportation expenses and per diem allowances for the official traveling parties of competing institutions in Division I and National Collegiate team championships and individual-team championships shall be determined and provided in accordance with policies and procedures established by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. On an annual basis, the percentage of transportation expense and the per diem allowance to be paid in each championship for the next academic year shall be announced to the membership. *(Revised: 4/26/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.7 Expenses for Family Travel to Final Four -- Basketball. The Association may provide travel expenses for family members of each student-athlete who travels with the student-athlete's team that participates in the men's or women's basketball Final Four. The expenses shall be provided in accordance with policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee for the Men's Final Four and by the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee for the Women's Final Four. *(Adopted: 1/24/19)*

31.4.8 Net Receipts. After payment of game and administrative expenses for each championship, the NCAA president shall place the remaining money in the general operating fund of the Association to be used to cover other expenses of the Association and to be apportioned among member institutions, as directed by the Board of Directors Finance Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.9 Distribution of Forfeited Receipts. An institution may be obligated to return its share of the revenue distribution for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to participate in the championship (see Bylaw 31.2.2.4). If so, such funds shall be distributed among other member institutions according to a formula prescribed by the Board of Directors Finance Committee. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.4.10 Publication of Championships Financial Summaries. A financial summary of each championship shall be published on the Association's website.

31.5 Financial Administration of Postseason Football. [FBS/FCS] Requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in Bylaw 18.7 and the NCAA postseason football handbook. (*Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 4/1/12*)

31.6 Rights to NCAA Properties and Marketing Restrictions.

31.6.1 Names and Marks. The NCAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logo, seal, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including "National Collegiate Athletic Association," "NCAA," "National Collegiate Championships," "NCAAction," "College Sports USA," "The Final Four," "Women's Final Four," "College World Series," "Women's College World Series" and "Stagg Bowl." The NCAA will prosecute infringement of identical or confusingly similar marks. The NCAA shall maintain control over the nature and quality of the goods and services rendered under the marks; therefore, no use of the marks by others will be permitted in advertising, in association with commercial services or related to the sale of merchandise without the specific approval of the NCAA. (*Revised: 1/29/90*)

31.6.2 Concessions. The following conditions or restrictions apply to all concession items sold at any event sponsored or administered by the Association: (*Revised: 12/4/89, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18*)

- (a) Any merchandise or material bearing any name, logo, trademarks or service marks of the Association that is to be sold or distributed at an event sponsored or administered by the Association must have the prior approval of the NCAA president before being sold or distributed. No such merchandise or material shall be sold or distributed by anyone except as designated by the NCAA. The host institution may sell merchandise that features an institutional mark or logo at NCAA competition only if it has guaranteed a sellout of the NCAA merchandise at the site of the competition and has agreed to provide the NCAA championship 25 percent of gross sales (after sales taxes) of all non-NCAA championship merchandise. The quantity of NCAA merchandise sent to the site shall have the prior approval of the president and shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year's championship.
- (b) The NCAA owns the rights to all concession items other than food or drink sold at such events. Any merchandise or material to be sold at such events must have prior approval of the NCAA president, and any unapproved material shall be barred from the premises. If the championship facility has prior contractual commitments with outside vendors, the NCAA will endeavor to work with such vendors to advance the policies of the Association in the sale of concession items as herein stated.
- (c) The NCAA may authorize others, including the host institution or the coaches organization for the sport involved in the particular event, to sell and distribute concession items.
- (d) Income payable to the NCAA from the sale of concession items other than food and drink at such events shall be included in the gross receipts of the championship.

31.6.3 Programs. The Association reserves the right to publish and sell any program sold or distributed for an NCAA championship. It may award such rights for any championship to another party or agency, provided it retains the right to review and approve the content of all programs to be sold or distributed, and provided it shall receive a guaranteed amount or predetermined percentage of program receipts. All financial arrangements for official programs produced by the host institution or sponsoring agency shall be reflected in the proposed budget, and receipts and expenses shall be entered in the financial report of the championship. If the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts.

31.6.4 Championships Properties. The Association owns all rights to each and all of its championships as listed in Bylaw 18.3. These rights include, in addition to the rights with respect to participation and admission, rights to television (live and delayed), radio broadcasting, filming and commercial photography. In addition, the NCAA reserves the right to sell items developed through the NCAA marketing program at the site of a championship.

31.6.4.1 Awarding Media Rights. Television, radio and film rights shall be awarded in such a manner as to advance most fully the following interests:

- (a) Gate attendance;
- (b) Promotion of interest in the sport;
- (c) Promotion of intercollegiate athletics as a part of collegiate education; and
- (d) Promotion of the Association and its purposes and fundamental policy.

31.6.4.1.1 Procedures. Specific policy decisions under the foregoing are determined by the governing sports committee for the particular championship, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. Negotiations with respect to the awarding of any such rights shall be conducted by

the president, who shall have authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute contracts for the awarding of such rights on behalf of the Association. Inquiries concerning all such rights should be directed to the NCAA president at the national office. In accordance with the policies stated herein, the NCAA president shall negotiate with any party interested in such rights when they are available. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.6.4.2 Marketing, Licensing, Promotional and Public Affairs Initiatives. The NCAA president shall be responsible for the oversight and administration of all marketing, licensing, promotions and public affairs initiatives. The NCAA president shall have the authority to appoint ad hoc advisory groups to provide assistance in developing policies to review any initiative and to provide assistance in addressing emerging issues. In addition, negotiations with respect to awarding merchandising, marketing and licensing rights (including corporate partner rights) shall be conducted by the NCAA president, who shall have the authority to determine the specific terms and conditions and to execute and enforce contracts for the awarding of such rights on behalf of the Association. The Board of Governors, at its discretion, may request a detailed accounting of any marketing, licensing, promotional and public affairs initiative that resulted in the awarding of a contract on behalf of the Association. The Board of Directors and the Council may request a report related to any matter handled by the NCAA president under the authority of this legislation. *(Adopted: 1/11/00, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.6.4.3 Photographs, Films and Videotapes. The Association reserves all rights to the use of still photographs, films and videotapes of its championships. All rights to photograph, film and videotape NCAA championships may be assigned to media representatives for news purposes but otherwise are to be controlled exclusively by NCAA Productions, a unit of the NCAA. NCAA Productions shall film or videotape certain NCAA championships, as recommended by the governing sports committees and approved by the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee. Its cost in filming or videotaping an NCAA championship and producing prints or video dubs for the NCAA library of films shall be entered as an item of game expenses for that championship. The filming or videotaping of NCAA championships by parties other than NCAA Productions (e.g., participating institutions or commercial film production companies) for any purpose other than news purposes may be permitted only with the advance written consent of the NCAA president. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17)*

31.6.4.3.1 Exception. An institution is permitted to designate two team content personnel to be present at NCAA championship events for the purpose of capturing video and photographs of the institution's participation in the event for the sole use of the institution (not to be released for commercial purposes). *(Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 10/14/19)*

31.6.4.4 Use of Action Footage on Television News Programs. The games committee of a particular NCAA championship for which exclusive rights have not been awarded may permit single television stations or television and/or cable networks to broadcast action footage of the championship (on a live or delayed basis) on their regular television news programs (see Bylaw 31.6.4.4.1). Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, these broadcasts shall not exceed three minutes of action footage of the championship unless broadcast rights have been secured from the Association by payment of a rights fee. The NCAA president shall be authorized to interpret and apply these provisions as necessary.

31.6.4.4.1 News Program. A "news program" shall be a regularly scheduled program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news. Sports-entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision.

31.6.4.5 Live Microphone on Coach. The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas for television, radio or motion-picture purposes is prohibited in all NCAA championships.

31.6.4.6 Promotional Announcements for Professional Sports Contests. During the telecast of any NCAA championship, there shall be not more than two promotional announcements for telecasts of professional sports contests. Each such announcement shall not exceed 15 seconds in length. It may be of a billboard nature only and shall not include any action footage of any professional sports contest. If less than the complete championship segment is televised, only one such professional announcement shall be permitted. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason bowl games. *(Revised: 8/15/89)*

31.7 General Financial Management.

31.7.1 General Operating Budget. The Board of Governors shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year prior to the end of any current fiscal year. The budget, as approved, shall list all anticipated revenues and expenses for the coming fiscal year, including transfers to or withdrawals from reserve funds. *(Revised: 10/30/14)*

31.7.2 Committee and Delegate Finances.

31.7.2.1 Allowable Expenses, Committee Members. Any member of an NCAA committee who is entitled under the following regulations to reimbursement of expenses for attendance at a committee meeting shall not receive such payment if the member fails to remain in actual attendance at the meeting for its entire duration as announced in advance.

However, in any special case in which a committee member for valid reasons is granted permission by the chair for late arrival or early departure, the member shall receive reimbursement in full.

31.7.2.1.1 Transportation Allowances. A committee member may be reimbursed for the following transportation expenses: *(Revised: 8/12/91, 1/13/98 effective 2/1/98, 1/12/99, 6/20/08)*

- (a) **Commercial Airline.** The member must travel by coach (or "super saver"); and
- (b) **Automobile.** The member may claim mileage for the round trip at the NCAA approved rate, based on the most direct route between the two points.

31.7.2.1.1.1 Travel to Competition Site. A committee member or designated representative who travels to the site of preliminary competition in an NCAA championship via either ground or coach-class air may claim mileage at the NCAA approved rate based on the most direct route between the two points. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 6/20/08)*

31.7.2.1.2 Per Diem Allowance. A per diem allowance of \$75 may be claimed for each day or part thereof away from home, except that not more than one day's travel each way may be claimed. The Association shall pay single-room and tax charges for committee members attending scheduled committee meetings or on Association business. Incidental charges shall be the responsibility of the committee member. *(Revised: 8/3/95, 1/13/98)*

31.7.2.1.3 Actual Expenses. The Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues may authorize reimbursement of actual expenses if circumstances warrant. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.4 Meeting Frequency. Payment of expenses for attendance at meetings of an NCAA standing committee shall be limited to two meetings per year unless otherwise authorized by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 8/5/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.5 Meeting Site. Recommendations for sites of meetings of standing and special committees shall be submitted by the committee chair to the NCAA president and are subject to the following conditions: *(Revised: 10/28/97, 1/12/99)*

- (a) Committees that meet only once per year are required to meet in the Indianapolis metropolitan area in alternate years;
- (b) Committees that meet more than once per year are required to conduct at least one-half of the meetings in the Indianapolis metropolitan area (e.g., one of two or two of four); and
- (c) All meetings of NCAA committees shall be held within the 48 contiguous states.

31.7.2.1.6 Special Committees. The expense allowance for any special committees or for individuals engaged in official Association business shall be determined by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.7 Sports Committees. Meetings of sports committees shall be held at places and times other than those authorized for the championships of their respective sports and shall be limited to two days (plus travel time) for purposes of the NCAA per diem expense allowance, unless other arrangements have been approved by the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.8 Expense Allowance for Conventions. An expense allowance shall not be granted for committee meetings held in connection with a Convention of the Association, except that standing committees that regularly meet before or after an Association Convention shall be entitled to one day's per diem for each day or part thereof on Association business, subject to the approval of the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.9 Approval of Payments. All expense payments shall be approved in writing by the committee chair or, in the case of the Council, Board of Directors and Board of Governors, by the secretary-treasurer or the NCAA president. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.1.10 Waivers. The NCAA president, subject to the approval of the Council or Board of Governors for Association-wide issues, may grant such waivers of the committee-expense regulations in particular cases as are deemed advisable to prevent hardship upon a committee or an individual committee member. *(Revised: 8/7/47, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/14)*

31.7.2.2 Allowable Delegate Expenses.

31.7.2.2.1 Meetings of Other Organizations. Delegates of the Association attending meetings of other organizations (e.g., various sports federations) shall be entitled to the same expense allowances as those outlined in Bylaw 31.7.2.

31.7.2.2.2 Games Committees for International Competition. NCAA delegates to games committees appointed to supervise international competition may not receive expenses to more than one meeting during each academic year.

31.7.2.2.3 Governing Boards of Other Organizations. NCAA delegates to the governing boards of other organizations may claim an expense allowance for each regular or special meeting of the particular board.

31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics. Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic fund.

31.7.3 Defense and Indemnification.

31.7.3.1 Conditions for Defense and Indemnification. The Association shall defend and indemnify any present or former employee, committee member, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to or is threatened to be made a party to, or who is to be subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence in any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding, including those brought by the Association, provided all of the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

- (a) The individual requesting defense and indemnification is being named as a party or subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence by reason of the fact that the individual is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise;
- (b) The individual is determined to have been acting within the scope of the individual's duties to the Association;
- (c) The individual is determined to have been acting in good faith and in a manner the individual reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association in the performance of the individual's duties to the Association. In respect to any alleged criminal action or proceeding, the individual also must be determined to have had no reasonable cause to believe the alleged conduct was unlawful;
- (d) The individual promptly and timely notifies the Association's general counsel of the actual or threatened service of process, subpoena, notice of deposition, or other legal process before incurring attorney fees or other expenses;
- (e) The individual accepts counsel provided or approved by the Association and agrees to accede to the legal strategies approved by the Association's general counsel, including any settlement determinations. In the event that the individual wishes to hire other counsel or not accede to the Association's legal strategies, the Association shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the individual, except when it is determined that a conflict of interest exists with the Association such that retaining separate counsel is warranted; and
- (f) The individual agrees to repay any expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in bringing or defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding, if it is ultimately determined that the individual is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this bylaw.

31.7.3.1.1 Determination Regarding Conditions for Defense and Indemnification. The determination as to whether indemnification is appropriate because the conditions of Bylaw 31.7.3.1 have been satisfied shall be made: *(Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 1/12/09, 10/30/14)*

- (a) By the NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who are not parties to such action or proceeding. The vote may be taken by electronic mail, telephone, facsimile or in person;
- (b) If such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Board of Governors members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or
- (c) By the NCAA president if so delegated by the Board of Governors.

31.7.3.1.2 Definition of Committee. For purposes of Bylaw 31.7.3, committee shall include all Association committees, boards, cabinets, councils, subcommittees and panels. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.3.1.3 Termination of Action or Proceeding. The termination of any action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself create a presumption in regard to these determinations. However, if an individual is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the individual's duty to the Association, there shall be no indemnification unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper. *(Adopted: 11/1/01)*

31.7.3.2 Insurance. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any individual who is or was an employee, committee member, or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the individual and incurred by the individual in any such capacity or arising out of the individual's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the individual against such liability under the provisions of Bylaw 31.7.3. (*Adopted: 11/1/01*)

31.7.3.3 Definition of Indemnification. For purposes of this bylaw, indemnification shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the individual in connection with such action or proceeding. (*Adopted: 11/1/01*)

31.7.4 Insurance.

31.7.4.1 Primary Liability. Host institutions and sponsoring agencies of NCAA championships shall have in place primary comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage with combined single limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and shall provide the national office with the appropriate insurance certificates unless statutes of the state in which the host institution or sponsoring agency is located provide a lesser maximum recovery limit and documentation of that statute is on file at the NCAA national office. (*Revised: 12/2/90*)

31.7.4.2 Excess Liability. The Association maintains excess liability insurance coverage for the conduct of NCAA championships. The coverage includes bodily injury and property damage resulting from accidents.

31.7.4.3 Injury, Death and Dismemberment. Basic athletics-injury, catastrophic-injury, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for participants in NCAA championships shall be provided by the Association.

31.8 Personnel.

31.8.1 Employment. The NCAA president is authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary to conduct efficiently the business of the Association. The number of administrative personnel that may be employed shall be determined at the beginning of each fiscal year and may not be increased without the approval of the Board of Governors. The NCAA president may employ as many nonadministrative personnel as may be necessary. (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

31.8.1.1 Affirmative Action. In the selection of personnel for appointment, the policies and procedures of the Association's affirmative-action program, as approved by the Board of Governors, shall be followed. (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

31.8.2 Staff Operations. The national office staff operations shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors. Among the items to be reviewed are: (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

- (a) Employee compensation;
- (b) Employee benefits; and
- (c) Allegations of improper conduct by any member of the national office staff as reported to the NCAA president.

31.8.2.1 Employee Compensation and Benefits. The Board of Governors shall review staff compensation and benefits at least once each year. (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

31.8.2.2 Pension Trust Plan. The policies for the retirement benefits of the staff are set forth in the NCAA Pension Trust Plan, which was adopted and may be revised by the Board of Governors. (*Revised: 10/30/14*)

31.9 National Statistics Program. A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball. The sport oversight committees and the Competition Oversight Committee shall oversee the statistics program and approve its policies and procedures. The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA website. (*Revised: 4/14/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/30/08, 8/7/14, 10/4/17*)